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Accused Charity Thief Arrested

by Dennis Conkin

A woman who is accused of stealing an estimated \$8,000 in change from the AIDS Emergency Fund's Pennies Project cash collection jars in 1990, and who then fled the state, entered a guilty plea to grand theft and fraud charges last week.

Charline Elaine McCain, who allegedly embezzled the funds over a four-month period while she was a member of the AEF and in charge of the Pennies Project, made the guilty plea in San Francisco Superior Court on January 7.

McCain, 40, also pleaded guilty to stealing more than \$20,000 in funds belonging to

Ceatrice Polite Apartments, a South of Market low-income housing project where she had been a residential manager.

McCain was arrested in Lexington, Kentucky, during a routine stop for a traffic violation last October and extradited to San Francisco for trial.

A warrant for her arrest had been issued after the AEF filed charges against her.

She remains in jail in lieu of \$50,000 bail, pending sentencing on January 29.

Some of the proceeds that McCain pleaded guilty to stealing were allegedly used as a down payment for a jew-

elry store on Union Street that her former boyfriend operated.

McCain convinced Michael Vaelerio, the founder of Folsom Street Fair and the president of the South Of Market Merchants and Individual Lifestyle Events, to drive her to Texas under the ruse that she was pregnant and needed to return home to her father, but a few days after she arrived home, she vanished.

It was later discovered that she left several bags of pennies behind in her apartment, but the more valuable coins and paper money that had been donated had been taken — presumably to Texas. ▼



Charline Elaine McCain



When Drags Collide

Randall Terry (far left), founder of Operation Rescue, launched a new program January 8 to support the ban on gays in the military. Above, he is joined by Church Ladies, a gay group promoting an end to the ban. See coverage of San Francisco and Los Angeles demonstrations on pages 2-3.

(Photo: Patsy Lynch)

Man Goes AWOL To Care For Dying Lover, Faces Court Martial

by David O'Connor

A U.S. sailor who jumped ship to care for his terminally ill lover is in the brig at Treasure Island although no formal charges have been filed against him.

David Carpenter was taken into custody December 8, 1992 — more than two years after he left his post as a computer technician on the USS Callahan in August 1990.

Carpenter said he left the ship to care for his lover of ten years, Leslie Allen Hamilton, who was dying of AIDS.

Lieutenant Carrie Stephens, Carpenter's legal counsel, said that the Navy must make formal charges against Carpenter within 90 days. The case could be resolved through a

court martial or through "other avenues" that Stephens declined to discuss with the Bay Area Reporter.

Stephens said that Carpenter hadn't been charged yet because his service record could not be immediately located.

"It's not unusual that a person is put in pre-trial incarceration if it's felt that the person is going to flee," Stephens said. "In the case of an unauthorized absence, it's not unusual that he would be in the brig."

After he jumped ship, Carpenter went to Vallejo to live with Hamilton, who required 24-hour-a-day care, Carpenter said. Hamilton's parents had refused to help their son, Carpenter said, and Hamilton

had no one else to care for him.

Audrey Nitta, a spokesperson for Kaiser Permanente Medical Center in Vallejo, confirmed to the B.A.R. that Hamilton was a patient in Kaiser Permanente's hospice from March 1991 until July 1991. Nitta said that hospice patients must have personal caregivers in order to participate.

"It was horrible," Carpenter told the B.A.R. in a telephone interview from the brig. "He had horrid bed sores... It was devastating watching this man that I love die."

"This was not some fling. I had expected to spend the rest of my life with him," he

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Former Parade Committee May Face Grand Theft Charges

by Dennis Conkin

The San Francisco District Attorney's office has been asked to review a complaint filed by the San Francisco Lesbian and Gay Freedom Day Parade Committee co-chairs, that \$20,000 in funds from the agency's coffers are not accounted for.

"There may have been fiscal improprieties and we've asked the District Attorney's office to determine this. The financial records have been left in a real shambles," said co-chair Ggreg Taylor.

"There was no running checking account, no reconciliations, and some deposits not recorded," he alleged. "Some cash expenses are out of hand. It's more than a book-keeping problem," he said.

The agency has a money market fund, two checking accounts, and three credit cards.

The financial mess was discovered "within the last couple of weeks" according to co-chair Marsha Levine.

Levine said that the agency has gone to the District Attorney in order to have the matter reviewed and that there could be "potential prosecution" arising from the financial disarray.

"We aren't going to stand for this anymore. Ggreg and I had talked about having a press conference to let everybody know about it," she said.

The co-chairs have disclosed the problem publicly, Taylor said, because "we are fiscally responsible" and they will "not allow the parade committee to be run by a clique of friends and not like a business."

The parade has an annual budget of more than \$250,000, Levine said, and some of the funds come from the Grants For the Arts Hotel Tax Fund and the group will take steps to reinstitute fiscal controls established by former parade co-chairs but ignored in recent years, according to Levine.

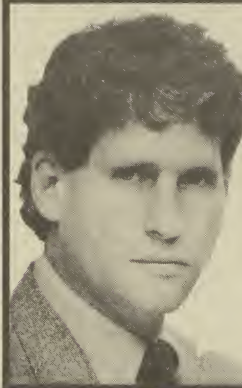
"We're anticipating the complaint and will review it," said Assistant District Attorney John Carbone of the DA's Office of Special Prosecutions. "If there is probable cause to conduct a criminal investigation, we will turn the matter over to an investigator."

Misappropriation or theft of funds over the amount of \$400 is grand theft, according to the the California Penal Code. ▼

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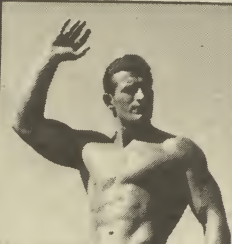
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California News

Orange County Gay Bashing Leaves Victim Unrecognizable

by Karen Ocamb

An Asian man is unconscious and in serious condition after an early morning January 9 gay-bashing on the beaches of "gay-friendly" Laguna Beach. Police have charged Jeff Michael Raines, 18, with attempted murder and a hate crime. Two other youths have also been arrested in connection with the bashing.

The incident occurred around 1:30 a.m. Saturday on the beach off Pacific Coast Highway in Laguna Beach. Police say Raines, a senior at Orange County's San Clemente High School, told friends "let's go down to Mountain Street to get some fags," according to a report in the *Los Angeles Times*. Raines and three other friends left a nonalcoholic bar and drove to the popular tourist beach near three gay bars.

According to Sergeant Ray Lardie, the youths walked along the beach until they encountered Loc Minh Truong, a Vietnamese immigrant in his 50s, about 5-foot-7, weight about 125 pounds. One of the suspects confronted Truong with the words, "you [expletive] faggot...we're going to get you," according to Laguna Beach Police Chief Neil J. Purcell.

Then, according to a re-

port in the *Times*, Christopher Michael Cribbins, 22, allegedly pushed Truong down and Raines, a 6 foot 1, 200 pound football player, "started kicking him in the head" against the rocks.

"Jeff just wanted to get into a fight, and some poor guy was in the wrong place at the wrong time," the third assailant, a teenager, told the *Times*. "It made me sick to think how badly Jeff beat this guy. I cried all day."

The victim was kicked and beaten so severely that he is virtually unrecognizable, Laguna Police Sergeant Greg Bartz told the local media early in the investigation. "He has severe facial and skull fractures. We can't even determine his nationality."

"We still can't tell who he is," Dr. Thomas Shaver, director of the Mission Hospital Regional Medical Center's trauma services told the *Times* immediately after the assault. "He might be Asian, but we can't tell. His face is all stomped in." He was later identified by matching his general description with that of the owner of a car parked near the beating.

Truong is apparently married with four children. Members of the family say he is not gay. However, according to reports published in the *Times*, Truong was seen leaving one of the gay bars that

night, and in 1987 he pleaded guilty to engaging in lewd conduct with another man at the same beach where he was attacked.

"This is very, very tragic, and it's an example of the level of hate in this nation against gay and lesbian people," Laguna City Councilmember and former Mayor Robert Gentry said after the bashing. "As a gay man, I'm scared to death."

Gentry called for an emergency meeting of the City Council and on January 12 with the School Board to discuss immediately initiating sensitivity and cultural awareness programs in the local high schools. Gays make up 20-30 percent of the Laguna Beach population. Heretofore, there have been only two recorded gay-bashing incidents in the last four years, although some local gays report incidents of harassment at the site of the most recent bashing.

Raines is being held in Orange County Jail in lieu of \$250,000 bail. Cribbins has been charged with assault with great bodily harm and a hate crime. The unidentified 16-year old San Juan Capistrano resident was charged with "obstructing an officer's duties" after he allegedly "lied numerous times" about the beating, according to a report in the *Times*. ▼

LA Protest Draws Few Fundies, Results in One Arrest

by Karen Ocamb

The anticipated January 8 assemblage of hundreds of christian fundamentalists, praying to God that President-elect Clinton would repent and reverse his plan to lift the ban on gays in the military, didn't materialize in Los Angeles either. Instead, only 13 christians heeded Operation Rescue founder Randall Terry's call for a 100-city "prayer vigil" and showed up in the afternoon drizzle at Los Angeles City Hall.

The fundamentalists, Concerned Citizens of America, were met by about 30 whistle-blowing, sign-carrying lesbian and gay activists who tried to drown out the fundamentalists as they read statements to a few reporters on hand and to the approximately 50 riot-clad LAPD officers, ten of whom were on horseback.

The demonstration and counter-demonstration seemed to run fairly much as expected — the christians prayerfully putting up with or trying to convert the angry activists. At the end of the demonstration, as the activists followed the christians to their cars, the police started using their horses to force the activists to step away from the fundamentalists.

When Connie Norman, self-proclaimed "AIDS Diva" and director of public policy at All Saints AIDS Service Center, stumbled and talked back to the mounted officer who was pushing her away, she was suddenly arrested. Earlier she had been shouting

at the police to seize the mace from Vietnam vet and Concerned Citizen George Brokate, who had threatened to use it. Norman was particularly aware of the mace because prior to the demonstration she had called Operation Rescue headquarters only to have OR leader Jeff White tell her that he was concerned that some of his people were gearing up to get violent.

"They pulled a Mark Kostopolis on me," Norman said later, referring to the LAPD's practice of singling out the assumed leader for arrest as if that would decapitate the group. But activists said the police were also interested in harassment.

"After Connie got arrested," said David M. Smith, executive director of GLAAD/LA, "I went over to Hillman, the arresting officer. [Stonewall Democratic Club President] Steve Martin and the reporter from the L.A. *Times* followed me. I asked, 'why was she arrested?' He said, 'I told him three times and he didn't listen.' I said, 'She is a she.' He said, 'it.' And I said, 'She is a she.' And Steve Martin said, 'She really is a she.' He said, 'Whatever. I'm not going to argue about this now.'"

But Hillman's attitude toward Norman was apparently not merely displayed in insensitive and indiscreet banter. After she was arrested Norman was taken to Central jail where, she said later, they "tried to force me to give my boy's name before they would let me out."

Under a prominent sign on the wall urging the officers to be sensitive to the communities they are dealing with, they nonetheless prodded her with "rude" questions about her gender-identity in a supposed attempt to check prior arrests. Finally she told them that indeed, she is a transsexual and has been for 17 years, "but you're not getting my boy's name out of me."

The police threatened Norman with spending the weekend in jail, she says, until she dropped the name of LAPD Deputy Commander Feders. Suddenly they dropped a charge of obstructing an officer from performing his duty and only cited her with disturbing the peace.

Norman is not sure whether or not she will file a complaint because of a "magic moment" she experienced while in jail. While Norman was in the holding cell, the police brought in a young African-American woman who was "hysterical." While they were busy "talking at her," Norman said, the police failed to notice that the young woman was hearing-impaired and terrified because she didn't understand what was happening. Norman knows some sign language and was able to communicate with the young woman, who then rested gratefully — and wearily — on Norman's shoulder, she said.

"Nothing's changed with these police," Normans said after being released. "It's going to take at least a generation." ▼



Military activists show their love for each other while waiting for the no-show fundamentalists. (Photo: Rick Gerharter)

Fundies Chicken Out Of Their Own Protest

by Jason P. Lorber

What was supposed to be a nationwide, 100-city demonstration against gays, lesbian, and bisexuals in the military, turned into a few right-wingers outnumbered or frightened off by queer counter-protesters.

The January 8 rally was intended to protest President-elect Clinton's campaign pledge to lift the current ban on lesbians, bisexuals and gay men in the military.

But according to reports from the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF), only a handful of homophobes followed up on the rhetoric.

In Washington, D.C. only six anti-inclusionists showed up, greeted by 50 counter-protesters. Similar lopsided ratios of homophobes to queer civil rights advocates were evident in Los Angeles, Houston, Seattle, Chicago, New York and Colorado Springs, according to NGLTF spokesperson Robert Bray. In San Francisco, the anti-queer demonstration never happened.

"We scared them off," said activist Robert White, who was among about 150 San Francisco demonstrators. White, a 7-year Navy veteran, saw combat in the Persian Gulf and was honorably discharged a year ago after authorities went through his private letters and found evidence that he was gay.

Alan Carson, a Queer National who helped organize the pre-emptive counter-rally, spotted two fundamentalists at the Federal Building. "One had a walkie talkie and must have radioed the others to cancel," said Carson. "They were from the same group of people we see at all the anti-gay or [anti-choice] Operation Rescue rallies."

The fact that the rally was called for by televangelist Pat Robertson and Operation Rescue anti-abortion zealot Randall Terry worries NGLTF's Bray.

Bray expects the right wing to focus more of their energies attacking the lesbian, gay and bisexual community "because communism is no longer a target and they're realizing that abortion is a losing issue," said Bray. "They need some issue to rally their troops and raise money."

"Let this be a wake-up call

to gay men who couldn't see abortion as a gay issue," said Bray. "It's all related. It's all about repressing people." ▼

Whose Demo Is It, Anyway?

by Jason P. Lorber

A Queer Nation-led rally on Friday, January 8, successfully turned back right-wing zealots who wanted to protest impending inclusion of lesbians and gays in the military. Yet, intentionally hushed publicity of the event led some activists to label the Queer Nation organizers fascist.

One activist, John Chidester, charged that the limited notice of the rally was intended to censor different voices in the community and to create "designer demonstrations."

Alan Carson, a Queer National and one of the counter-rally's organizers, called those allegations false and insisted that he wasn't trying to exclude any person or group from the rally.

Carson did say he purposefully limited pre-publicity primarily to word-of-mouth, and tried to make sure that the community newspapers, including the *Bay Area Re-*

porter, would not report on the rally "too far in advance, in order to avoid tipping off the police or the christians."

If the fundamentalists had known of the counter-demo ahead of time, Carson said, they might have changed their location without giving counter-demonstrators time to respond. Likewise, Carson worried that the police might have corralled the two groups apart, denying a face-to-face confrontation.

In an interview with the *Bay Area Reporter*, Carson said that he didn't own the event and that he helped organize the rally to fight for his freedom.

"Freedom is something you have to constantly defend," said Carson. "That was what our country was founded on, and that's why we were there — sort of a queer patriotism."

Estimating that a more concerted publicity effort would have added only about 100 more demonstrators, Carson said his quiet tactic was

all part of a "cat and mouse game" played by both the queer and fundamentalists groups.

Chidester disagreed, and said that more publicity could have brought upwards of 1,000 protesters who would have been more inclusive of all of San Francisco.

"This should have been something that wasn't just for queers, but community-wide," said Chidester. "If [the right wingers] can target us, they can target everyone. And Harvey [Milk] always said we all go, or we don't go."

The charges that Queer Nation was trying to limit voices in the community comes as ironic. More conservative and moderate groups in the lesbian, gay, and bisexual community have long tried to push Queer Nation and ACT UP aside, accusing them of distracting from the issues and being too "in-your-face" to win sympathy from liberal and moderate heterosexuals. ▼



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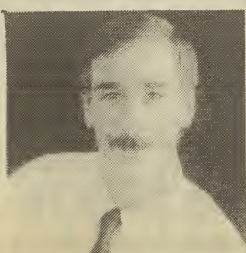
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Community News

New MCC HIV Program Director Aims To Keep Hope Alive

by K. Bradley Hudson

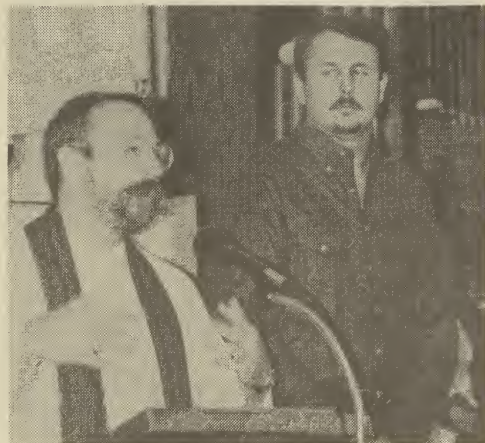
On January 10, the Metropolitan Community Church installed Ed Wolf as HIV program director at its 11 a.m. service. The newly created position is an expansion of MCC San Francisco's HIV program and a renewal of its commitment to serve lesbians, gay men, and HIV communities, according to Paul Viera, the church's office manager.

"Coming here week after week and having to make announcements about our members who have left us points to the need for this position," said Associate Pastor Reverend Sharna J. Sutherin, following a tribute to a longtime member who had just died of complications from AIDS.

Previously, Wolf worked for the Shanti Project, both as a counselor on Ward 5A at San Francisco General Hospital and as a volunteer coordinator in the Emotional Support Program. He became the assistant director of Shanti's volunteer program in 1990 and currently coordinates the HIV volunteer program at California-Pacific Medical Center.

Following his installation by Reverend Jim Mitulski, Wolf asked the congregation to maintain hope while facing the AIDS epidemic. "I acknowledge that with 10,000 deaths in this city and 12 years into this disease, hope can be difficult," he said.

"There are so many workshops on stress, self-care, and humor but there are none on hope. The obstacle to hope is opening up," Wolf said. "And



The Reverend Jim Mitulski (left) and Ed Wolf, incoming HIV program director at MCC. (Photo: K. Bradley Hudson)

as painful as it is to open up, with all the grief we are experiencing, we need to stay open and we need to have hope.

"When I think of hope, I see Jessie Jackson saying, 'Keep hope alive,' and that is what we must do. We must come here and create a place where we can keep hope alive."

Wolf said he is honored to be a part of MCC's vision, "a vision that sees one's spiritual perspective, no matter what form it takes, as a vital part of coping with the question of how to live and love fully during the epidemic."

Viera said that Wolf will be increasing the number of support groups the church offers. Currently groups are offered for men and women

with HIV/AIDS and other chronic illnesses.

By early 1993, the church's HIV program is also to include grief groups for caregivers and survivors, and support groups for HIV-negative men and couples.

According to Viera, support groups at MCC encourage participants to explore their own spiritual beliefs in light of the epidemic.

MCC San Francisco was founded in 1970 and has been providing programs and Sunday services in its Castro location since 1979. The church is located at 150 Eureka and offers Sunday services at 9 a.m., 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. For more information about MCC's HIV support groups call 863-4434. ▼

Dolores Street Baptist Cuts Ties With Mother Church

by Dennis Conkin

The congregation of Dolores Street Baptist Church, the city's oldest Southern Baptist Church, has withdrawn as a member of the Southern Baptist Convention, over the 14.5 million member denomination's anti-gay policies.

The church voted to withdraw from the nation's largest Protestant denomination because it expects the national body to adopt a policy in June that would exclude any church that would "affirm, approve or endorse homosexual behavior."

Dolores Street Baptist was thrown out of local and state regional Baptist associations for its 1981 decision to welcome lesbians and gays as active members of the congregation and its ministry.

The church lost more than \$45,000 a year in denominational support for that decision.

The decision of the congregation to withdraw also is a statement of support for the congregations of Pullin Memorial Baptist Church and Olin T. Binkley Memorial Baptist Church, two mainstream SBC congregations recently



Pastor Marilyn Chilcote

(Photo: Jane Philomen Cleland)

expelled for licensing a gay man as a minister and for conducting a holy union for a gay male couple.

The 1992 expulsion of the congregations was the first time in the 148-year history of the Southern Baptist Convention that a church had ever been disfellowshipped.

"Up to now, there has always been room in the SBC for a variety of perspectives and viewpoints on complex social and ethical issues," said DSBC pastor Marilyn Chilcote.

Although the church has continued to send the national

denomination an annual missions offering, the severing of ties, while painful for some of the congregation, is also a "symbolic statement of support for the churches," said former pastor Jim Lowder.

Lowder is now the director of Dolores Street Community Center, an independent nonprofit group that emerged from the church's outreach to the neighborhood.

Among the programs of DSBC are a homeless shelter for refugees; meeting space for the First Mennonite Church; meeting space for Dignity, a gay Roman Catholic group; and Hope House, a residential facility for people with AIDS that is now under construction.

The group will remain an independent Baptist congregation but there is discussion about affiliating with the American Baptist Convention, a more liberal Baptist denomination, although Chilcote acknowledged there "is some opposition" in the denomination to the church's membership because of its support for lesbians and gays.

DSBC is not dependent on any funds from the denomination and owns its own property. ▼

Wild About Harry ... And Harvey, And ...

by Jean Harris

Last week I sent out a memo to the mayor's staff. As always, I reminded staffers who wanted more information to call me at 554-5145. The next day, Ann Kronenberg, the director of the Mayor's Office of Juvenile Justice, stopped me in the hall to say, "Jean, the phone number on your memo was so familiar to me. When I tried to call you I got Harry Britt's office. I realized the number was Harvey's old number." Anne had been an aide to Harvey Milk, as I had been Harry's aide for the past six years. I had mistakenly typed Harry Britt's office phone number instead of my number.

554-5145 has been the direct line to City Hall for the Lesbian/Gay Community since 1978.

On Friday, January 8, the new Board of Supervisors was sworn in at the Cham-

ber's at City Hall. I had not let myself admit or feel my loss and loneliness over the reality that a path in the movement had come to a sharp bend. As the torch had been passed to Harvey, then carried through Harry, it passes once again.

Next door, my old office was also bare. The ACT UP and Queer Nation stickers that had been plastered all over my front door, the ones that annoyed Supervisor Kennedy every time she walked by, were gone. The Domestic Partners house sign that was a constant reminder of our victory of the Lavender Sweep, and all the photos of Judge Donna Hitchens, Judge Mary Morgan, Judge Herb Donaldson, Tim Wolfred, Tom Ammiano, Angie Fa, Supervisors Carole Migden and Roberta Achtenberg — all gone. The photos of the members of Harvey Milk Lesbian/Gay Democratic Club, Queer Nation, the lesbian/gay teachers, doctors, lawyers, and others responsible for pushing a lesbian/gay youth support program through the School Board were gone.

Nothing remained in the suite of offices where so much of our history as a community had been birthed except white painted walls with chairs, a desk, and a phone; number 554-5145.

I walked into the City Hall Chambers and took a seat in the mayor's staff box. My eyes searched the Chambers for Harry. I could feel the tears welling. Sitting directly in front of me was lesbian Supervisor Carole Migden, sitting close by was gay Comptroller Ed Harrington. I looked out into the Chambers and recognized gay and lesbian aides to supervisors. I saw Lester Olmsted Rose, Kelly Hayden, Steve Kawa, John Paul Samaha, T.J. Anthony, Nancy Kitz, Tom Cooper, Zoon Nguyen, Dana



Jean Harris and Harry Britt

Van Gorder, Tom Sapp, Seth Ubogy, Rick Ruvalo, Katie Dwight. Assistant City Attorney Ted Lakey was also in the Chambers. Kurt Barrie and I were there from the mayor's staff. I smiled to myself and breathed a sigh of relief as I realized Harvey must be flying over our heads smiling with admiration, pride and love. I didn't see Harry but later he told me that he had been hiding in Supervisor Carole Migden's office listening on the squawk box.

I realized it wasn't just a day for the swearing in of the new supervisors or hearing a speech from the mayor. For those of us who are lesbian or gay, it was an evaluation of the long path that Harvey began and Harry Britt led us on for 14 years.

Harry Britt never spoke of himself as our leader but took the lesson he had learned from Harvey that he existed for the empowerment of the lesbian/gay movement. He

humbly and quietly brought the people from the diverse cultures and communities of the lesbian and gay movement into the corridors of City Hall; Carole Migden, Nam Ngyuen, Jim Rivaldo, Dick Pabich, Janet Lazam, Roberta Achtenberg, Melinda Paras and hundreds and hundreds of others.

Together we have worked to accomplish so many things. Our community, with all its diversity, has forced the City of San Francisco to become the model for the country in responding to the AIDS epidemic. With our own money and compassion we built the very first AIDS services from our very souls and blood. We are pioneering needle exchange, condoms in the schools, AIDS prevention and education, and other practical responses. Our community produced the San Francisco Women's Building, CUAV, LYRIC, GLOE, Lesbian Agenda for Action, and more than 300 lesbian/gay organizations.

Harry reminded us to come out with pride, dignity, strength, and passion; to fight for what we believe in, no matter how uncomfortable it may be for our families and friends — including our straight politician friends; to remember that we don't just happen to be gay but the straight political system has to deal with us because we demand to be heard with our lesbian/gay voices.

Fear and ignorance of lesbian/gay civil rights are alive and well in San Francisco; that was driven home to all of us by the Bank of America experience. We have not

achieved our civil rights. The journey is a long one.

Our promise to you, Harry, is a continuation of the promise that you made to Harvey. We will not go back into the closet, we will not stop pushing, we will not be silent. We will never end our journey until civil rights are held in the arms of all peoples. Straight politicians hire us not necessarily because they like us but because we demand it. Then they may like us, but not so much that they will appoint us to a vacant seat, or groom us to fill their shoes when they retire, or allow us to run in a district that is our home.

Harry has passed us his torch of political power in City Hall with a reminder that we have to keep up the struggle for civil rights for all, with lesbian/gay civil rights as a glowing visible part of the movement. His torch burns bright as it is passed.

Harry Britt, friend, mentor, our visionary leader taught us one other lesson that is sometimes hard to remember: don't spend your time feeding on our own. The religious right and sometimes our straight liberal friends would much rather we beat up on each other than on them. Our righteous anger is against the homophobia that surrounds us. It beats us, it allows us to die with AIDS, it allows our lesbian and gay parents to lose our children, it denies us the right to be loving, caring human beings, it denies us our civil rights.

Harry, my hand is in yours as we walk together up the path. I love you. Thank you. ▼

Commentary

bers at City Hall. I had just taken a walk down the hall past Supervisor Harry Britt's old office. My heart sank as I walked past the open door and stared at the empty walls in the small room. All the photos of Harvey, Harry and the last 14 years had been removed. Gone were the photos of George Moscone and Harvey; Harry and Dolores Huerta; Bill Kraus and Tim Wolfred in a crowd scene; the Reverend Jesse Jackson, Harry and myself; the Boycott Grapes posters. The walls that had been covered with memories, victories, struggles and pain were bare.

Across the hall in the office where Harvey was assassinated, my friend and former office mate Rick Ruvalo's things were gone and his office was also empty. Until

Moffett Field Rally Planned for Saturday

by Dennis Conkin

Moffett Field Naval Air Station in Mt. View will be the site of a gay rights rally January 16 in support of ending the ban on lesbian and gay service personnel.

The locale was specifically chosen because it is where Navy Chief Petty Officer Keith Meinhold was stationed last year, and where he was ordered discharged after he revealed his sexual orientation on national television. Meinhold was later reinstated by federal court order, and is again working at Moffett Field, pending the results of a lawsuit he has filed to challenge the ban.

"I think this is probably the most important issue for the gay community because of its symbolic value," said Dan Halpern, a rally organizer, "besides being important for the gays and lesbians who

are already serving their country in the military."

The rally is endorsed by the San Francisco chapter of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force and the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation.

Halpern said that the rally was called because President Clinton's promise to lift the ban on homosexuals in the service is facing political opposition, "and we need to show that there is political support."

"When you say that you can't fight for your country it's also saying you are a second class person," he said.

The hour-long rally will be held at the Moffett Field Main Gate, beginning at 11 a.m. For more information, call the Bay Area Military Freedom Project Hotline at (415) 306-0477. ▼

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Editorial

The American Way

America is going back to war as the B.A.R. goes to press this week. Obviously, as was the case last time our soldiers were fighting against Saddam Hussein, lesbians and gays are there. Their commanding officers may or may not know it, but Pentagon queer spokesmodel Pete Williams knows damn well they're there, fighting for truth, justice, and the American way — whatever that is these days.

Some of the American way was stripped away by the Supreme Court again last week, when it ruled that fundamentalist meddlers have the right to deprive women of healthcare at clinics that perform abortions. The fools in Operation Rescue, in other words, have a greater right to the doors of those clinics than do the women who need them. For all their prattling about lesbians and gays wanting "special rights," it is the fundies who wanted — and got — special privileges; just another in a long line of truly shameful decisions made by the Reagan/Bush court. We note that Uncle Clarence Thomas voted exactly the way he was told by the Bush White House, and assume he'll get a nice big helping of Kibbles and Bits and a warm place by the hearth for it. He seems like the kind of person we would avoid being in the same room with at all costs, and certainly no justice. We hope when Clinton needs to fill a seat on the bench, he remembers the name of Anita Hill.

Two Ugly Weeds

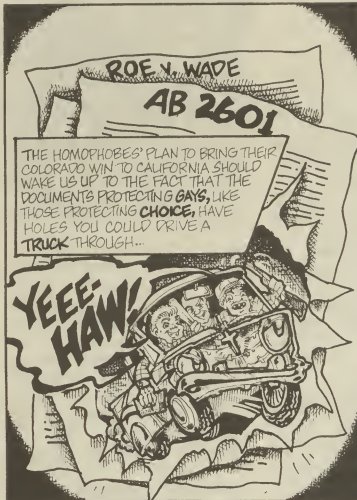
A number of people have wondered why we keep such a close eye on Operation Rescue, since we gays and lesbians don't have many abortions. That's true enough, but as the photo of founder Randall Terry on the cover shows, the group intends to make us its next target, anyway.

Moreover, it is important to remember that the anti-choice movement is steeped in sexism; its aim is less to protect children than to protect the status quo of women as second-class citizens. We think the issue is whether people have a right to their own bodies and morals, without being harassed by those who would seek to control something utterly beyond their purview. We also think that such a belief is equally applicable to women seeking abortions as to same-sex couples seeking legal protection, military service, adoption, or the right walk down the street without fearing a life-threatening beating from some high school student who's learned bigotry firsthand from his Boy Scout troop.

Homophobia and sexism are two ugly flowers that grow from the same weed. We are committed to stamping it out wherever it tries to blossom. The Supreme Court's decision, although dispiriting, will not stop those of us who maintain a strong love of freedom.

Make no mistake: if we don't support our friends in the pro-choice movement, and if we don't see the parallels, we are sunk. We must learn from their worst mistake, believing a woman's right to choose was inviolable, and take strength from their victories.

Fight the forces of darkness however you do it best: write a check or get out in the street and yell. In any case, involve yourself before the other side does it for you. ▼



Guest Opinion

Real Family Values: A Mother Recalls Her Gay Son and his Loving Friends

Since the loss of my dear son, Mark, five years ago now, you can't imagine the number of relationships we have acquired all across America. We hold hands with one another as parents and as friends to all of you. As parents, we have walked through valleys, and we too know pain.

Know that as I walked the streets there with you, you probably didn't even notice me, but I noticed you. I could feel your presence, and the Love and warmth you extend. No wonder he loved it there!

You were everywhere! You waited on us when we shopped and ate out. You had us over for meals when we were too confused to cook. You came from the Shanti Project and Project Open Hand, and also from the San Francisco Band Foundation. You were there at Pacific Presbyterian Medical Center and came in from Nursing Services International. Mark was blessed with doctors and nurses who were not only technically excellent, but who demonstrated compassion and sincere concern for his well being, and all of you who went out of your way to buffer him from excessive stress and to help in any way you could, even on your "day off."

In my confusion, I perhaps often forgot to say "thanks." Forgive me for that, and accept it now.

I want you to know that I recently spoke to a class at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis. My lecture consisted of our experience in losing Mark, the need for confronting homophobia, our government regarding AIDS,

and prevention. I also relayed to them information about the study the Lutheran Church is doing on human sexuality and the Christian faith, which I recently read, and the fact that nowhere in the gospels did Jesus ever mention same-sex relationships, but talked a lot about how we should treat one another in our relationships.

As far as prevention, from my own personal point of view, I think we need to go a long way back, and start loving one another, and to stop worrying about how people became infected and rather start worrying about the people. I gave this and other lectures in the past, in memory of my dear son, Mark, and for all those who will follow him, hopefully being a healthy voice for those who aren't so healthy now.

I'll never get over losing him, and I remember him most by his blonde hair and blue eyes, his great love for music, and his wonderful smile. And I continue to look for him in every crowd.

Can you tell me if the neon star is atop the Christmas tree again this year at the corner of 18th and Castro? That star was made and donated in Mark's memory by his dear friend, Billy Flatte, who died this year.

I wish we did not have this geographical distance between us, so I could walk there with you once again, for surely I have left my heart in San Francisco.

Know that I will carry each of you, along with my son, in my heart for the rest of my days.

Happy holidays,

Bev Finch,
Grantsburg, Wisconsin

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Letters

1930s Germany = 1990s U.S.

While 1992 was definitely a year of forward progress for our gay and lesbian community, it was also a year of progress for the radical right and neo-fascist religions.

Our community must understand what we are up against and develop counterpoints to their bigotry. First and foremost, we must realize that the religious right has been molded into a fascist-based political movement. To survive, fascists need targets to hate. In Germany, it is foreigners. In Serbia, it is the Muslims. In America, it is gays. As always, fascists must dehumanize their targets in order for hatred to succeed.

Once the dehumanizing begins, then starts the violence. Meanwhile, the haters develop simplistic jingoisms to excuse their violence. Who has not heard "Some of my best friends are black, I just don't want to live with them" or "I have nothing against the Jews, I just don't want them owning everything."

Now we hear, "I am not against gays, I just don't want them to have special rights." Somehow, the right to work or live free of harassment is a special right! We hear, "Gays and lesbians choose their lifestyle" in spite of the fact that there is no scientific evidence to support this statement. In a world full of various shades of skin, hair color and body sizes just to name a few, the right wing would have you believe that there is only one type of biological sexuality.

And yet, this subtle piece of fascist "big lie" has been used time and again to commit some of the most heinous acts of violence against gays and lesbians. Just look at the ongoing record of military violence against gays. The beatings, jailings, torture and even murders that are being committed all under the excuse of this big lie.

We hear, "AIDS is caused by homosexual behavior." This is one of the most effective lies used to suppress and dehumanize our community. Yet everytime an effective program is developed to fight the spread of this virus, who stands in the way? The radical right. They could care less if millions of Americans die as long as they can profit from dividing and dehumanizing people. They fail to explain the low infection rate in the lesbian community while totally ignoring infections in the straight world. To the Robertson's of this world, death and human suffering is just another political tool.

One thing is clear, hatred and bigotry in any form is unacceptable and not negotiable. We must stand united as a community to insure that this simple rule is not whittled away. We must make sure that gays and lesbians have the right to openly serve in our military. We must make sure that job and housing discrimination is punished. And when neo-fascist religions try to codify into law their hatred and divisiveness, they must be exposed for the bigots and extremists that they are.

Patrick Tifer
San Francisco

Colorado Boycott Justified

The following letter was sent to The Wall Street Journal.

Although the outrageous statements made by extreme bigots is certainly something to be concerned about, I am more frightened by the insidious rationalizations provided by some folks who claim to be political centrists. What I am referring to is an editorial which appeared in your December 15 issue by Vincent Carroll of the Rocky Mountain News. The subject was an analysis of the attitudes and motivations among those voters in Colorado who voted for the passage of Amendment 2, a law which repeals gay rights ordinances already on the books in Denver, Aspen, and Boulder and prohibits any similar ordinances from becoming law anywhere in Colorado. Based on responses to a survey — responses interestingly taken at face value — Mr. Carroll concluded that voters were not casting a homophobic vote. Rather he concluded they were voting against creating another "protected class." Mr. Carroll placed the blame squarely on the shoulders of the nation's civil rights establishment, not on the voters of Colorado where it belongs. He gave no examples of how these supposed "protected classes" have been created.

If homophobia was not the primary reason for the amendment's passage, why haven't we seen grass roots movements to strike the specific naming of any group in civil rights legislation? Why are gays and lesbians singled out? These Coloradans weren't being truthful in the survey for fear of sounding like bigots.

The only thing worse than the homophobia itself is the fact that so many like Mr. Carroll refuse to see it. The call for a national boycott of Colorado goods and services to protest this outrageous actions is certainly justified.

Michael J. Simon
San Francisco

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KGO Stereotypes Gays

The following letter was sent to the General Manager, KGO Channel 7 News, as a response to a 6 p.m. December 31 newscast.

As an avid viewer of your newscasts, I appreciate all that you bring to this community. You present the happenings of the area and the world with a sense of pride and dignity.

But during your 6 p.m. broadcast on December 31, 1992, you presented a story on the new definitions of AIDS. Please don't misinterpret me, I do appreciate the story and the information provided by you. What I do have a problem with is the footage aired along with the story.

The footage consisted of scenes of the Castro area and gay men walking with one another. Though this disease has impacted this specific community, it has also impacted every other community available within this city, country and the world, both heterosexual and homosexual.

The message put across with that footage is that it is a "Gay disease." Because the media has portrayed this pandemic in this manner for so long, and still today, the hatred and discrimination has continued and only gotten worse.

This disease has shown in the past couple of years, a dramatic decrease of infection among the homosexual community and a considerable increase within the heterosexual community. The reason for this is because the homosexual community accepts what is happening and is willing to fight and educate themselves and others to help control the spread of this disease. And the majority of the heterosexual community provides nothing more than opposition and discrimination with the mentality that it will never happen to them.

As long as public figures continue with the current portrayal of this pandemic, educational attempts to help all will be defeated and only done in vain. This disease affects us all and it is time that the media portrays it in that manner.

Michael D. Young
San Francisco

Support United Way

I am writing to commend the United Way of Santa Clara County for its recent actions in support of the lesbian, gay, and bisexual community. The United Way's Board of Trustees recently adopted all of the recommendations of an ad hoc committee that examined community needs and their non-discrimination policy.

United Way is currently reviewing proposals for \$200,000 in new funding specifically for our community. The money will create new services to deal with such important issues as substance use, youth services, and mental health counseling. Some of the money is designated to go to lesbian, gay, and bisexual organizations only.

United Way also adopted a strong non-discrimination policy, which will deny funding to any member agency not in compliance by June 1994. This is an important and encouraging step, although the community should continue to watch United Way to ensure that this policy is applied to the Boy Scouts.

I believe that the lesbian, gay, and bisexual community should come forward to reward United Way for these steps. I plan to donate money for the first time this year.

If you live or work in Santa Clara County, please donate to United Way. You can designate that your money go to the Billy DeFrank Center, so that you can send an important message and support a gay organization at the same time.

Andrew Gans, MPH
San Jose

Disreputable Vote

The following letter was sent to Supervisor Willie B. Kennedy, San Francisco.

I wish to add my voice of protest against your disreputable vote to sustain Mayor Jordan's veto of the resolution regarding removing city funds from Bank of America. You apparently have caved in to the downtown, conservative element and this will result in a major rift with the city's gay and lesbian community.

You knew this was a litmus test issue for us, but instead you went with the money. Your vote has brought shame upon yourself and the Board of Supervisors.

Bank of America's lame excuse for continuing to support the Boy Scouts of America despite that organization's well-known homophobic discrimination policies is exceeded only by your own lame excuse for voting against overriding the mayor's veto. This community will not forget your stand on this issue and in the weeks and months to come I believe you will have cause to bitterly regret the position you took.

Supervisor, the times seem to have passed you by. Either catch up or get swept away.

Donald Disler
San Francisco

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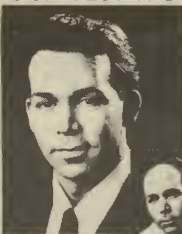


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Letters

Keep An Eye on Cyclops

I have been reading the *B.A.R.* for over a decade now. There have been things I have agreed with and disagreed with over the years. I have taken many with a grain of salt and let the inaccuracies pass or just chalk it up to poor reporting or slanted journalism. In a way I find it funny that it has taken such a shallow subject to get me to write you a letter of criticism.

I realize that the almighty advertising dollar is of value to you but I also hope that it is balanced against true and good journalism and responsibility to your readership. David Taylor-Wilson's article-review "Mission Accomplished... Cyclops Makes Its Debut," can only have been written by Cyclops investors and management. Having personally participated in the unfortunate error of "Grand Opening Night," I feel I can speak from first hand experience. Anyone that attended that night will, I'm sure, remember dancing on all the broken glass left from unattended refuse, the strong paint vapors due to the largely last minute execution of the interior, the changing drink prices from one bar to another, the lack of paper towels (in the bathrooms), door knobs (all doors), and save for a few balloons and the projected sign the lack of any real New Years Eve favors. These issues on top of an other-than-advertised entry price and the lack of consideration by management and ownership for clients standing in line on a rainy night (one 12 x 12 tent didn't cut it, guys), at least my friends and I got in early, all adds up to a very sloppy product. The music was and should have been good, the dancers equally, but the expectations connected with the name producing this event were never even near approached. I can say it will be a little while before my group cheerfully drops \$340.00 on a night there again.

But to make a long story short; stop sucking up so loud, if you (*B.A.R.*) are going to be so blatant at least stamp "Fantasy" across the top of these articles!

J.A. Perez
San Francisco

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Loves Parade Theme

The uproar over the theme of this year's gay pride parade is stupid, demoralizing and embarrassing. Let's end it now! At a time when our country is undergoing significant political and social changes that have ignited a sense of hope and promise for many, the gay community has chosen fragmentation and isolation over the term "queer," a word that upsets some while inspiring others.

We should be ashamed of our lack of respect for each other and ashamed of the verbal attacks that have been slung at Gregg Taylor. No matter our personal feelings, (I do not know Mr. Taylor personally and I don't care if you don't believe me and yes I am under 35 years old, something that seems to be held against those who ruffle the feathers of the established hierarchy of the gay political system in San Francisco) the parade committee should be supported for the decisions they have made and the hard work they have done.

If you don't want to attend the parade this year, then don't come. I'm sorry if some people are offended by a word that also brings a sense of empowerment to many others. Some feel the old ways are crumbling, old things are supposed to do that. Stop criticizing something that hasn't happened yet. Wait and see; get involved instead of bitching and if you don't approve of the outcome, challenge Mr. Taylor next time for his position and be ready to work very hard, all year long with very little praise or admiration.

Brian Procknal
San Francisco

God's Punishment?

Regarding the recent outbreak of Hepatitis in Denver, Colorado:

Since so many of the religious right are determined to tell the world that AIDS is God's punishment for being queer, I would say that God has equally punished Colorado for passing Amendment 2.

Peter Walker
San Francisco

Strength and Courage

It's about time to finally celebrate our uniqueness. "The Year of the Queer" is a wonderful theme name. How beautiful the extraordinary can be, and how blessed we are to have an eccentric vantage point from which we may look out upon our troubled world—our sad and troubled world of "Normals."

Perhaps in our Queerness we can help awaken social and spiritual evolutions that wait so desperately to break forth.

Bless us in our Queerness. Let the word help us define an identity of strength and the courage to be different.

Claudia Lorie
Walnut Creek, CA

Kennedy's Vote

San Francisco Supervisor Willie Kennedy the politician is just a little too good! In her deciding "no" vote on the Bank of America/Boy Scouts resolution her altogether astute reading of her predominantly homophobic constituency will get her lots of votes in the short run, nationwide negative name-recognition among advocates of human rights, and short shrift from history.

Glenn Rice
Davis, CA

Kairos House A Treasure

I want to express my appreciation for the folks at Kairos House, which offers support to caregivers for people with AIDS. They are a truly loving institution and devoted, not just to surviving this horrible epidemic, but to the enlightenment of everyone they ever come in contact with.

When I was at my wit's end with my roommate, who was very sick with AIDS, I called one agency and got a receptionist who took my number. Then I called another service organization and a receptionist took my number. A third agency, the same thing. Finally, I called Kairos House. Buz answered. He talked to me right then, like a real live caring human being. Then he made an appointment for me to come in that same afternoon to talk to John. My talk with John was very cathartic for me. I took a big step toward getting rid of some of my guilt. I still think about some of the things John said that afternoon.

Later, I attended the Friday open houses, got some free therapy from Steven Galper, which was incredibly helpful and went to one session of a grieving group. I decided I was sick of grieving and dropped out. I'm on Kairos' mailing list and get a lot out of their newsletter.

I thank Kairos House for being there for all of us and for being so sane. Their message, that we must love and care for ourselves before anyone else, is something that cannot be said enough. They are a treasure.

Terry Baum
San Francisco

Girth Without Mirth

You recently did a story called "The Big Picture" by Chad Jones. It was well written but many words were left out.

I joined Girth and Mirth hoping to find someone special and to make friends. I was told I wasn't fat enough and in some cases hairy enough to be accepted. Most of the members I met were 20 years or more older than I and were only after a piece of ass. No one wanted to have a serious relationship, or even cared to have one.

The gay crowd is the worst offender of discrimination against big men. I've seen it and experienced it, very much so. I've been out of the closet for nearly 15 years and I feel strongly of going back in because of it. I've been to many of the Chubby Chaser bars here in San Francisco and everyone of them doesn't make me feel comfortable. I have to go to an interracial bar and then I feel more at home!

We must look inside a person before we judge anyone. But we don't. We look at the body more than the mind.

I've been HIV positive since March '92, and now the CDC says I have AIDS. I've given up looking for my dream man. If he had been out there I would have found him. But I'm real tired of all the games our brothers (gay brothers) put us through. As a big man to another big man, we shouldn't be considered out of the norm. We should be like all others and accepted as such. But we are not and it hurts.

Dave Fredricks
San Francisco

Cartoonist Correction

As a reader who wishes you'd publish more work by gay cartoonists in the pages of the *B.A.R.*, I was delighted that you gave a good deal of space to Rupert Kinnard's intelligent and entertaining interview with Alison Bechdel in the Dec. 23 issue of the paper. It was also good to read both Kinnard and Bechdel acknowledging the community of cartoonists, both admired and disdained, within which their work exists; in this instance the work of Cathy Guisewite, Jim Davis, Kris Kovic and Howard Cruse.

However, my spelling above of Howard's last name is correct; yours, throughout the above-mentioned article, as C-r-u-i-s-e, was incorrect. During the slide presentation of his work, Cruse has mentioned that he was once told what a clever reference to the practice of cruising his *nom de cartoon* was; he responded that this would surprise his mother, since it is her last name, too. In any case, I think you owe this "patron saint" a correction.

Tim J. Luddy
San Francisco

Ed. Note: Apologies to Mr. Cruse for the error.

Wayne Friday

Next Wednesday, Washington hosts the first Democratic inauguration in 16 years, and the nation's gay and lesbian community — which, it is claimed, cast as much as 80 percent of its vote for the Clinton-Gore ticket in November — plans to party right along with all the other Democratic Party celebrants. If you're among the "considerably large" gay and lesbian contingent headed for Washington next week (I'm told around 50 from San Francisco's gay and lesbian community are going) you'll want to know the place to be next Tuesday night (the 19th) will certainly be the cocktail party being hosted by the Human Rights Campaign Fund honoring David Mixner, one of the country's better-known gay political consultants, known to a lot of the gay/lesbian activists here; both Bill Clinton and Al Gore are expected to attend this party at the Hilton in D.C. For tix and info call (202) 628-4160.

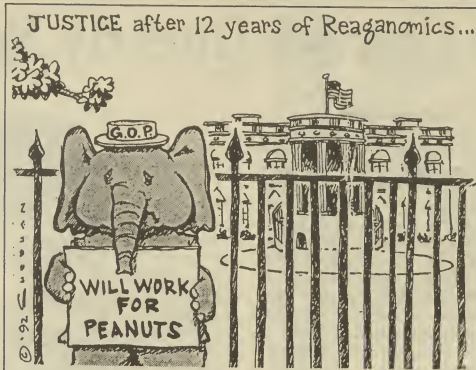
Inaugural Day, January 20, the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund, the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, and HRCF will sponsor a black-tie dinner at the Washington Hotel, followed by the "Triangle Ball" at the National Press Club; the Clintons and the Gores are expected at this gay and lesbian-sponsored ball as well.

By far, the hottest ticket to next week's Inaugural festivities is a seat at the actual swearing-in ceremonies for the new president and vice president, but if you don't have yours by now, forget it; there are 37,000 seats for this and they have long been gone. I'll be watching the entire thing on television at home, but if you're among those going to D.C. to make sure that Bush is indeed leaving the White House, take warm clothes and a lot of spending money (these might be Democrats taking over the Capitol, but none of this comes on the cheap), hope to hell your hotel reservations aren't screwed up, and, above all, have a good time. Celebrate, because I don't care how you slice it, Bill Clinton and Al Gore taking over from the anti-gay George Bush and Dan Quayle has got to mean life will somehow be better for this country's gay and lesbian citizens.

By the way, the inaugural is expected to cost in the area of \$20 million (all to be paid for by fat cat donors; not public funds) which is considerably less than the nearly \$30 million spent on George Bush' inauguration in 1989.

People and Politics

When the new Congress was sworn in last week, there were 47 women House members and six women U. S. Senators — the most ever — and Dianne Feinstein showed she'll carry a lot of clout when she was immediately named to two of the Senate's most powerful committees: the Judiciary and the most powerful of all Senate committees, the Appropriations Committee. D.C. watchers said they could not remember a new member ever being appointed to the Appropriations Committee during his/her first term. Barbara Boxer also got herself appointed to the important Senate Steering Committee, the group that actually makes the committee



assignments — and makes its members very powerful.

Frank Jordan has been mayor a bit more than a year and in a recent *Examiner* poll matchup with 5 potential rivals, Jordan leads with 26 percent; new Board President Angela Alioto gets 17 percent; former mayor Art Agnos at 15 percent; Speaker Willie

Methodist groups boycotting the state.

Meanwhile, on the other side of this issue, Steven Gooden, a Los Angeles-based minister who sang at last year's National Republican Convention in Houston, is asking all citizens and Christian-based groups to join, as he did, a group called 'Back Off Colorado'. The group plans to boycott the entertainers (Lily Tomlin is the latest big-name star to publicly endorse the boycott) and cities who have announced their opposition to Amendment 2.

Incidentally, look for President Clinton to issue some sort of 'memorandum of understanding' within his first three months rather than an Executive Order to lift the ban against gays and lesbians in the Military. The MOU would have the same effect as an Executive Order in that it would direct the Secretary of Defense to carry out the task of lifting the ban. As one Clinton aide put it: "The President-elect understands there are two issues here — he won't waffle and he doesn't want to expand a lot of political goodwill upfront on this issue either." It makes good sense to me — Clinton doesn't need a fight with the military right after taking office, but he can still stick to his commitment to the community; smart politics, and in the end we still get the ban lifted early in the new Clinton administration.

California's new senators, Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer, say they will take turns recommending candidates to the president for the federal judiciary in this state; recommending federal judges and U. S. attorneys usually is the privilege of the "senior" senator and since Feinstein was sworn into office a week after the November election and in fact has seniority over Boxer, Feinstein says she will alternate with Boxer in recommending prospective judges.

Here we go again — apparently encouraged by the passage of the anti-gay Amendment 2 in Colorado last November, the homophobic Traditional Values Coalition is planning an initiative for this November's ballot that would "protect the heterosexual ethic." The Reverend Lou Sheldon, who heads the Southern California-based Traditional Values Coalition, recently sent out a letter to hundreds of fundamentalist types warning that the "radical homosexuals are on the march" and requested funds to finance a statewide initiative. "We have to launch a positive policy initiative that will send a message that grass-roots Americans support traditional family values; in the war for the heart and mind of America, this will be

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Brown gets 10 percent; Supervisor Carole Migden gets 6 percent; Supervisor Kevin Shelley gets 4 percent — and the remaining 22 percent were undecided. This might not look very good for a sitting mayor, but there is a school of thought that it could be a lot worse for Jordan considering the yearlong pounding he has received almost daily from the *Examiner* (which supported Agnos for mayor) and the city's eternal budget problems. I wouldn't count Frank Jordan out just yet, not this early, but if I were his political adviser I'd damned sure keep a wary eye on both Angela Alioto and Carole Migden.

In Vermont last week State Representative Ron Squires, 41, very ill with AIDS, took his oath of office from a Brattleboro, Vermont, hospital bed; Squires, the only openly gay lawmaker in the Vermont Legislature, helped lead that state's successful '92 drive for a civil rights bill for gays and lesbians.

There goes the neighborhood: George and Barbara Bush haven't even moved into their new home on Houston's West Oak Drive and already the number of sightseers has increased and the neighbors are already bitching and want the city to close the street to outsiders.

Those businesses benefiting from the ski season in Colorado would like us to believe the boycott is flopping, but, in fact, they are really feeling the pinch. This week the National Association of Hispanic Journalists' board of directors voted 13-3 to move their annual convention, scheduled for March, from Denver. The Hispanic Journalists, several hundred strong, say they are moving their convention in protest of Colorado's passage of Amendment 2; and locally, one of my personal heroes, Glide Memorial Church's Reverend Cecil Williams and his wife Janice Mirikitani this week refused an invitation to appear at the upcoming Rocky Mountain Conference of the Methodist Church planned for Fort Collins, Colorado.

Reverend Williams is one of the Methodist Church's most prominent and nationally known ministers, and many feel that his stand could ultimately lead to all



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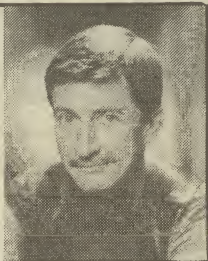
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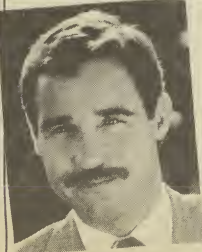
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I Can See Queerly Now...

by Nancy Boutillier

I spent New Year's Eve in New England with my parents. All year, they've been telling me to watch *Seinfeld*, and I've been telling them I don't have time for television. So, they taped their favorite episode of the show, and as the ball dropped in Times Square, we three sat watching *Seinfeld* and his friends struggle through a collective resolution.

The show centered around a bet to see who could go longest without masturbating. Naturally, they all failed. And I took it as a sign that this is not the year for resolutions — New Year or other.

So, now, almost two weeks later, without as much as a champagne toast or a throw of confetti to usher in 1993, I am finally prepared to acknowledge the new year. No resolutions, but plenty to look forward to. And, I've been feeling intuitive these days. Jean Dixon, step aside, here are my predictions for 1993:

In support of the boycott to "Free Colorado," the owners of Aspen ski resorts will actually move the mountain over state lines and into Wyoming.

As soon as the ban on gays and lesbians in the military is lifted, Calvin Klein will be hired by the Pentagon to redesign the uniforms. For the first time ever, West Point plebes will be sporting silver sequins on their dress grays.

In its first year on the market, Rainbow G.I. Joe — complete with dog tags and Freedom Rings — will outsell all Ninja Turtle and Batman products combined. Bitch Barbie and her leather friends will top them all.

The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force will launch a new campaign called "Take a Stand in the Stands," in which a "Gay Rights Now" sign will appear next to the Biblical reference to "John 3:16" that the religious right has strategically positioned for every televised football and baseball game in America.

Television mini-series madness will hit a new low with *On The Rag To Riches: The Judy Nelson Story*. Sharon Stone will star as Nelson, and Arnold Schwarzenegger will play Navratilova.

The Pope will tear up a photo of Sinead O'Connor during a sermon and his congregation will applaud.

Mary Daly will become the first American woman or-



Camille Paglia

(artwork: Jacki Randall)

dained by the Catholic Church.

Congress will pass a resolution declaring June 27, National Drag Day in honor of the Stonewall rioters, and they will commission artist J. John Priola and cartoonist Kris Kovick to design and build a memorial honoring

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the millions of Americans killed or wounded by homophobia each year.

Justin Bond, a.k.a. Dixie McCall, will turn down an invitation to perform at the Inaugural in order to compete in the finals of Ed McMahon's *Star Search*.

The National Enquirer will be the first to break the story of a decade-long love affair between Phyllis Schlafly and Anita Bryant, as Bryant admits, "A day without pussy is like a day without orange juice."

Governor Pete Wilson will have an out-of-body experience in which he meets the Wizard of Oz resulting in his finding a brain, a heart, and the courage to act with them. Not only will he pardon Norma Jean Croy, but he will ask his staff to draft stronger anti-discrimination laws.

Baseball caps will go out of fashion, but streaking will return.

Condoms will be distributed in specially marked boxes of Wheaties and Corn Flakes.

Levi Strauss will introduce a line of 501 jeans featuring the colors of the rainbow flag on the fly buttons and the ACT UP logo on the back pocket — available on left or

right, depending on preference.

Locally, Bank of America will have a change of heart and not only build a recreation center specifically for lesbian and gay youth, but they will also turn over their building at the corner of Market and Castro to the Whip-tails — a lesbian art collective — for alcohol-free performance art space.

In order to ensure support from the lesbian and gay community for the newest plan to keep the Giants in San Francisco, the team will sign Martina Navratilova as their fitness coach and porn star Jeff Stryker as designated hitter.

Camille Paglia's debut film appearance in *Basic Instinct II* will be filmed at the Rawhide II. Her leading man will be Tom Selleck.

When Roberta Achtenberg accepts a call to head up the National Task Force on the Family, Mayor Jordan will pass over Dick Hongisto to appoint his high school best friend to fill the vacated seat on the Board of Supervisors.

Dick Hongisto will be appointed to head up the city's curbside recycling program, ordering the daily pickup of thousands of newspapers.

Merle Woo will be asked to establish and chair a Department of Radical Women and their Ideas at UC-Berkeley.

On January 29, my girlfriend will win the Publishers' Clearinghouse Sweepstakes. ▼

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a crucial battle." Though the anti-gay fundamentalist group has not yet decided exactly on the wording of the planned anti-gay measure, the Sheldon letter states that a California initiative would aim to outlaw same-sex marriages, protect churches from gay rights laws and end what Sheldon calls the "promotion of homosexuality in public schools." One prominent gay Republican told the *Bay Area Reporter* that the latest Sheldon move is only a continuation of the tactics used by the conserva-

tive group to "totally take over the Republican Convention" in Houston last August, and added that this planned statewide initiative is "actually designed to, first of all, gain total control of this state's Republican Party machinery This is in truth a carefully designed plan to use the anti-gay issue to take control of the party machinery and hopefully, punish Governor Wilson for signing a watered-down gay rights bill at the same time." State Senator Milton Marks, just sworn into another four-year term, must leave the Legislature at the end of this term and the jockeying's already begun for his seat that will be available in four years; the lat-

est rumor has Assemblyman John Burton running (in four years) for Marks' seat while Supervisor Carole Migden goes for Burton's Assembly seat.

Also, look for John Laird, the openly gay former Santa Cruz mayor, to make a bid for the California Assembly in April. With Congressman Panetta going to the Office of Management and Budget in D.C., this will open up a congressional seat, with Assemblyman Fahr the front-runner; that leaves a vacant Assembly seat — so good luck, John (and isn't all this speculation fun?)

Have a good day... ▼

Put This in Your Pipeline

by Michael C. Botkin

When a friend asked me about the treatment prospects for recently infected HIVers, I experienced a moment of brief but profound disorientation. It doesn't usually occur to me to take so long a view of the situation. My current T-cell count is approximately the same as Dan Quayle's IQ (around 40), and thus I tend to focus most of my attention on the end-of-the-pipeline treatments, drugs almost ready to hit the market.

The pipeline of drug development can be seen as having three general parts. From start to finish, from the first time a treatment is considered by scientists to the day it shows up in the pharmacies at Walgreen's, usually takes about ten years. The early pipeline requires the most basic science; screening or synthesizing the drug and evaluating its potential in test tubes and rats. This period can take several years by itself, but occasionally serendipitous short cuts occur. AZT, for example, was a failed chemotherapy candidate and began its development as AIDS treatment with most of its early pipeline work already completed.

If it makes it through the early pipeline stage, a prospective treatment enters the middle pipeline of clinical testing for safety and efficacy. If it is demonstrated that the drug is a) not fatally toxic, and b) provides some promise of therapeutic effect, it moves into the final stages of research and marketing. Getting through the middle pipeline takes at least a couple of years, and that assumes break-neck speed and top-priority handling by all concerned. Many drugs pass the first middle pipeline bottleneck (safety) only to fail at the second (efficacy); e.g. the "L drugs," rejected last year although they were fairly non-toxic because they were also largely ineffective — it turns out that HIV responds to them by mutating into a resistant strain within a few weeks.

By the time a drug hits the late pipeline, the mass follow-up studies to fine tune management of the inevitable side effects and document effectiveness, it's already available to "Golden Lifeboats" (well-informed and placed treatment activists) like myself, although it may be difficult to find in the boonies or get insurance companies to pay for it. Nowadays most AIDS treatments flash right through these final stages, as witnessed by the easy ride recently given to ddC by the FDA.

Lukewarm endorsements

John James of *AIDS Treatment News* has commented that most of the recent improvement in AIDS drug development has occurred in the late pipeline. There are many reasons why this is so. By the time a drug reaches that highly evolved state, it has a lot of friends and few

enemies. The corporation that owns it wants to get it out on the streets and earning money; if they delay too long, underground chemists may horn in and skim the cream off the market. The government gets nervous about charges of foot-dragging if they're too persnickety about approving it. The majority of activists are by this time either jumping up and down demanding its release, or quietly consuming the above-mentioned grey-market version of the product.

Dr. Conant, the noted AIDS specialist, recently hosted a forum on two late pipeline drugs: D4T and TP5. His endorsements of the new treatments were a little forced, and frankly it's difficult for any low T-cell HIVer to get real excited about any

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of the products currently in the late pipeline. None of them are "home run" drugs; rather they are minor improvements on current treatments that delay the progression of HIV but don't offer much hope of reversing its effects.

All of the currently approved (or nearly approved) HIV drugs are nucleoside analogues (i.e. AZT, ddI, and ddC); D4T is not only just another nucleoside analogue, it's an AZT analogue, a minor variation of that granddaddy of AIDS treatments. It is probably less toxic (although it's possible that it just hasn't been around long enough to show its shadow side) and just as effective as AZT.

There was a recent attempt to establish an underground supply of D4T, but the group hired by treatment activists to produce it (described to me as "a Hungarian mafia") vanished from the face of the earth (or at least California) shortly after collecting \$40,000 for "lab supplies." Fortunately, even this feeble effort appears to have spooked the manufacturer into making the drug available through a pre-approval "expanded access" program.

It's true that TP5 isn't a nucleoside analogue; it's a thymus hormone that appears to help regulate the immune system. Actually, no one's sure how it works exactly, but Conant's study found that it slowed clinical progression in HIVers, although not by a very obvious or decisive margin.

Spurred by the the recent spirit of expedited approval, TP5's manufacturer, Johnson & Johnson, took this study to the FDA and applied for a tentative OK like the one given to ddC last year. Alas, the data was so feeble that even the newly lenient FDA couldn't see their way clear to do it, and TP5 will probably spend at least another year wending its way through the last stages of the late pipeline. Anyway, what I need isn't to "slow clinical progression"



but reverse it; I need a cure, and this ain't it. At best all TP5 could do is buy me some time while I wait for better stuff to make it through the middle pipeline.

A Manhattan Project

That is a mixed bag at best. TAT inhibitors, discussed in detail in the last issue of *AIDS Treatment News*, is a good example of both the promises and risks of treatments in the middle pipeline. An alternative to the traditional nucleoside analogues — and therefore a good candidate for combo therapy with them — TAT inhibitors don't just block HIV's reproduction (the main effect of the NAs) but goes after it in already-infected cells. It could be a breakthrough in the treatment of AIDS, although probably not a "cure."

But there are a lot of "ifs" involved. Only one manufacturer — Roche — is developing TAT inhibitors. All the other pharmaceutical corporations are sitting on their hands and waiting to see if it pans out before they risk any cash on it. And Roche isn't working real hard on it; they've got a grand total of two scientists assigned to the project and appear undecided if they want to invest in it in a major way. They were on the verge of selling the patent to Burroughs Wellcome recently, but changed their mind at the last minute.

Now if we had an "AIDS czar," which is widely anticipated for the near future, and if that "czar" had sufficient authority, which seems extremely unlikely, this promising treatment would be taken away from reluctant Roche and assigned to a competitor willing to really run with it. But, despite the progress made in accelerating late pipeline development, little attention has been paid to streamlining the middle pipeline, and TAT inhibitors seem destined to spend quite some time wandering in the wilderness of corporate indecisiveness. Kind of irritating, when your life hangs in the balance!

Even more work is needed on boosting the early pipeline, the basic science that should drive all other AIDS research. This is where an AIDS "Manhattan Project," a massively funded federal effort, should be focused. Advances in basic HIV science could accelerate progress all along the pipeline, for example by reducing the amount of time needed to determine if prospective treatments have

potential. A well-funded think tank of researchers, headed by that projected "AIDS czar," could give some structure and direction to strategic planning, perform the basic science work, and then farm out promising drugs to responsible (or at least housebroken) corporate sponsors.

This is the basic task so thoroughly ignored by the Reagan/Bush administration; this is the best hope for finding a true cure. Soon we'll find out if Clinton and the Democrats have the guts and brains to take this on.

Let's just say that I'm not betting any T-cells on it. ▼

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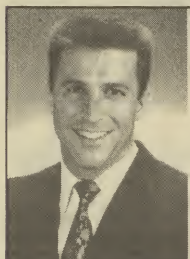
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One More Colorado Update

by Karen Ocamb

The chilly wind of a backlash is blasting Colorado boycott supporters, just as the boycott appears to be picking up steam. A new *Denver Post* poll indicates that 94 percent of adult Coloradans "haven't changed their minds about Amendment 2," a sentiment directly attributable to the boycott.

The *Post* poll on the boycott backlash, conducted by Talmey-Drake Research and Strategy, surveyed 606 adults in the six county area around Denver (407 live in the Denver Metro area) between December 15-23. Of those polled, 94 percent said they would keep their vote the same, 4 percent would change their vote and 2 percent didn't know. Additionally, 43 percent said they were less likely than more likely to support a repeal. The margin of error is plus or minus four percentage points.

Fred Brown, the *Denver Post* political writer who reported on the poll, concluded that the boycott had unleashed a backlash — that Denver voters "were more angry than ashamed" about the passage of anti-gay Amendment 2 and didn't think a repeal effort would succeed.

"It's upsetting a lot of people that we're called the 'hate state,'" said one man who asked not to be identified. But the poll may be slightly misleading in that people were asked "if they would change their vote." Those who voted against Amendment 2 were not identified. And Colorado polls are now being viewed with some skepticism since a poll immediately before the election indicated that Amendment 2 would be defeated. Instead, Colorado voters passed the amendment to their state constitution allowing discrimination against lesbians, gays and bisexuals by 54 percent to 46 percent. Defenders of this poll say these results more closely reflect the actual way Coloradans voted.

One non-gay man thinks one reason for the backlash is

because of an incident on World AIDS Day where some "radical gay activists" spilled red paint symbolizing red blood on the steps of the Denver Capitol and on a statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary at the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception (where the Pope will visit next year).

It was a "big turning point," he said, because Amendment 2 backers said "see, that's how homosexuals are." Plus, he said, people are angry that "outsiders" are turning a once "friendly place where everybody got along" into a divided state.

Richard Evans, openly gay assistant to Mayor Wellington Webb, concurs, noting that Coloradans are fiercely independent people. "I've lived in Colorado for 20 years," says Evans, "and having all these national groups coming in and telling us what to do is not something that sits well with me."

But Evans says he doesn't think the World AIDS Day action was the cause for the solidification of voter anger since the mayor's office received no calls or letters of protest after the incident. Rather, Evans thinks the New York *Times* editorial supporting the boycott — which came out in the middle of the polling — "had a greater impact" in creating the backlash. The editorial was broadcast and republished in all the Colorado media.

Evans is one of three plaintiffs who testified on January 11 in favor of the injunction against Amendment 2. The hearing was broadcast live on Court TV. Meanwhile on January 10 there was a loose "gathering of the tribes" to try to unify all the different groups that have sprung up since the election.

But supporters of Amendment 2 are not sitting idly by as the country becomes embroiled in debate over Amendment 2. Joseph Nee announced January 4 at a news conference outside of Colorado Springs that a new group has been formed to "offset the damage" done by the boycott. This is the first

admission by the religious right wing that the boycott has had any affect at all.

"Back Off Colorado" claims to have at least 100 members so far, with at least 150 others who have called to join the group, according to the *Denver Post*. The group plans to use television ads to "educate the public that homosexuality is wrong and that homosexuals already have all the rights they need, same as me," Nee is quoted as saying.

Colorado Springs has become home to 52 national religious right wing groups since the election. And it appears that Colorado Springs-based Focus on the Family has expanded its publishing base. Next month the Christian organization run by James Dobson, Ph.D., will publish *L.A. Justice: Lessons From the Firestorm*, a book by retired LAPD Assistant Police Chief Robert Vernon. According to an advanced copy received by the *Los Angeles Times*, Vernon writes that he did not let his beliefs that homosexuality is sinful and that gays should not be hired on the force to influence his official actions.

Meanwhile, a new gay group called "Ground Zero" has sprung into action in Colorado Springs to fight Amendment 2 in the town where the initiative was born. Ground Zero spokesperson Bruce Pfrommer says that the "highly underfunded" group has between 300-400 members — many of whom have just come out. "I'm not hiding anymore," says Pfrommer. "This is too important."

Meanwhile, most of the media's attention has been focused on counting celebrity heads in Aspen during the holidays. According to the Aspen Ski Company and others, tourism was up despite the almost two-month-old boycott — a fact repeated and emphasized by reporters.

Though Barbra Streisand and Liza Minnelli chose to "play" in Utah instead, AIDS Project Los Angeles Board Chair Steve Tisch was caught by an *Entertainment Tonight*

The Next Colorados?

by Mike Salinas

Now that lesbian and gay rights have been lost — even if only temporarily — in Colorado, activists are carefully watching for the next likely places where Amendment 2-type resolutions might be introduced. After the adoption of that ballot measure, and despite the boycott of Colorado, fundamentalists are initiating measures to eliminate advances in gay rights in at least ten other states.

On January 7, former Florida gubernatorial candidate Anthony Martin announced his intention to try again for the Tallahassee Governor's Mansion, and that this time around he would base his candidacy on a proposed constitutional amendment similar to Colorado's Amendment 2.

Martin has also dismissed the impact of a possible Florida boycott, saying it "may be the ultimate in growth management."

"What better way to cut traffic, reduce congestion, slow growth pressures, and limit new AIDS patients moving to Florida?" he reportedly asked.

Meanwhile, in Grand Rapids, Michigan, investment broker Carl Kellogg was spearheading a similar drive to ban gay rights laws. He expressed hopes to have an initiative on the November 1994 ballot as recently as last weekend before abruptly announcing that he had quit the attempt, citing "personal and professional considerations." Perhaps significantly, Kellogg alluded to the "adverse impact my involvement may have had on my clients or my employer." It is unknown if the drive will continue without Kellogg's participation.

Anti-gay initiatives are also popping up in city politics. In Lafayette, Indiana, a petition bearing 3,350 signatures was filed with the city clerk, aim-

ing to dissuade city council members from voting for an ordinance prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation.

The petition drive was launched by Connie Ledman, president of the Lafayette Christian Coalition, who collected the signatures at churches and shopping centers.

When the matter came before the council for a vote January 4, about 300 people crowded the meeting room in anticipation. Although the ordinance had been passed by the full council earlier, council member Linda Timmons apparently bowed to pressure from the right; she moved to table the proposal.

The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force said that similar efforts are also underway in California, Idaho, Maine, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio, Oregon and Washington. ▼



camera walking in Aspen with Donald Trump. APLA officially supports the boycott.

In a phone interview January 4 Tisch says that he felt extremely "conflicted" about going to Aspen, but as a divorced father this was the only opportunity to see his young children over the holidays.

"I am very sensitive to the circumstances," Tisch says. "I think my personal and professional track record in the entertainment field in fighting homophobia and my commitment to APLA and other AIDS and gay agencies is virtually spotless. This was clearly a personal decision regarding my priority to spend time with my family. I also feel that the Aspen community — straight and gay — are aggressively and vocally and financially supporting the repeal of this amendment."

Tisch says he thinks that support for the boycott should be "a personal decision" but that he has spent "a lot of time and made financial contributions" to the repeal

effort. "I feel that by being politically active in that respect — I hope my situation will be seen as unique," he said. He thinks the boycott should serve as a "wake up call" to other states to "think" before they pass a similar initiative. But he is not in favor of seeing a pro-gay city like Aspen suffer since it is in the "vanguard" of the repeal movement.

Tisch calls the media's focus on celebrities "totally ludicrous." There are a lot of people who care about the quality of life in this country," Tisch says. "And I honestly feel that my name is on that list. I will continue to work, write checks and lobby from California to see that his amendment is repealed."

Lenny Blum, APLA executive director and Tisch friend, says APLA is "committed to supporting the boycott and educating the public as to why the boycott is necessary." But while Tisch's commitment to APLA and AIDS is "extraordinary," his children come first, Blum says. "I

know Steve Tisch very well and though I would have wished that his kids would have come to him, I know the most important thing in his life is his children. There is no other place he would have been but with them."

But, Blum notes, "the boycott is working. If the boycott wasn't going on, the repeal effort would be struggling to hold a news conference."

Earlier, AmFAR decided to not accept money from an Aspen ski fundraising benefit. But on January 5 San Francisco gay philanthropist Jim Hormel announced that he would contribute \$250,000 to AmFAR to replace the lost funds.

But some lesbians and gays tend to agree more with APLA's Tisch. In their December 22 news conference announcing their endorsement of the boycott, the Human Rights Campaign Fund added a caveat. HRCF executive director Tim McFeely urged lesbian and gay activists to travel into the state to lend support to the effort to overturn Amendment 2 and to generate support for the Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights Bill. "It's important not to tie our community's hands when talking about achieving full civil rights," says Gregory King, HRCF communications director. "Our community isn't the enemy here."

HRCF will proceed with its local fundraiser on January 30 with half of the proceeds staying in the state to fight the amendment. McFeely will fly in as the featured speaker.

But a total economic boycott continues to pick up major support. On January 4 the Southern Christian Leadership Conference signed on as did the national association Chamber Music America

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Glide Pulls Out of Colorado Gathering

by Dennis Conkin

The Reverend Cecil Williams of Glide Memorial Methodist Church in San Francisco's Tenderloin District has turned down an invitation to speak to a Colorado conference of Methodist ministers in June.

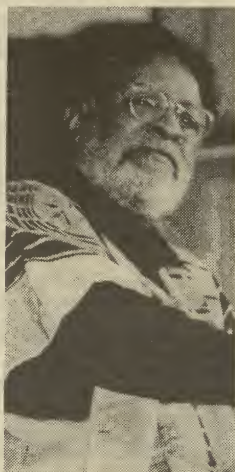
Williams and his partner Janice Mirikitani had been invited to speak about Glide's internationally renowned ministry to the urban poor.

The church's programs include Mo's Kitchen, a meal program, job and drug counseling, and an on-site anonymous HIV antibodies test site and AIDS clinic. A third of the church's membership is gay and lesbian.

"At Glide, our commitment is to be the kind of church that struggles with the human condition and practices acceptance and inclusiveness," Williams said, in declining the invitation by the Rocky Mountain Annual Conference of Methodist ministers and bishops.

"We felt we had no other choice. Our decision is a stand against a discriminatory policy approved by the voters of Colorado, and we would take the same stand against similar discrimination anywhere and against any group of people," Williams said.

Williams denounced the hatred of religious fundamentalists involved in the passage of the measure, calling it "an indictment against our faith and mission" and said that if Amendment 2 went unchallenged by people outside of Colorado, "it's implied sanc-



The Reverend Cecil Williams.
(Photo: Judi Parks)

tion of anti-gay hatred could have a nationwide impact."

"We are a church of acceptance. People must have the right to self determination and freedom rather than to have to hide behind masks. At Glide, we've thrown off those masks and continue to encourage people to face up to their racism, their sexism, their homophobia. We made a decision not to go in consultation with our own folks, here. There was just no way that we could do it."

Williams would have been a keynote speaker during the June convention in Fort Collins, Colorado. ▼

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by Dennis Conkin

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Rodriguez, according to the report, was approached

According to the police report, paramedics at the scene treated him for a possible broken left arm and possible dislocated kneecaps. He was taken to Kaiser Hospital and later moved to Mt. Zion.

"Eddie told me that he was cashing a check and two men either made him give them the money or just took it. After they got it they beat him up," Jacinta told the *Bay Area Reporter*. "They broke his arm and severely injured his knees. He was to have surgery to sew the tendons together, that's why they trans-

An autopsy will be performed by the San Francisco Medical Examiner's Office to determine the cause of death. ▼



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The FBI Gets Savage

ACT UP held an embarrassing demonstration outside Thompson's office door just as he was being interviewed by *60 Minutes*. The group also interrupted a Building

He told *The Advocate* he had no idea it was illegal to threaten to kill the president. ▼

Colorado

But convention pullouts are already costing Colorado millions of dollars. Other non-gay conventions to have pulled out include the U.S. Conference of Mayors, the American Association of Law Libraries, and the National Organization for Women. And Ziff-Davis Pub-

For more information, call or write Colorado Boycott Inc. at P.O. Box 300158, Denver, CO, 80203; or call 1-800-4-BOYCOTT or (303) 777-0560. Ask about the National Boycott Kit with information on how to make the boycott more effective. To help Ground Zero call 719-635-6086 or write P.O. Box 1982, Colorado Springs, CO. 80901. ▼

AWOL

If Carpenter is court-martialed, he could face up to six months imprisonment, a reduction in his pay level, a fine

"Given the same circumstances, if this was a woman and I had been married to her..." he pondered. "I felt at that point I had no choice." ▼

GLAAD Media Watch

Compiled by Hollie Conley

The *Oakland Tribune* seems to be continuing its admirable record of diversity in reporting under its new management. The December 28 edition featured a fantastic front page story on East Bay lesbian and gay high school students titled "Lesbian, gay teens — growing up, coming out." The reporter, Mary Rajkumar, found East Bay high school students willing to come out of the closet and let them tell their own stories — about realizing that one is gay, suffering homophobic taunts in silence, coming out and finding no support from school officials, and, sometimes, dropping out. Rajkumar noted both progress and obstacles in the fight against classroom homophobia: "Teachers can now discuss homosexuality in the classroom ... but that's just a whisper in the silence that still blankets homosexuality in schools — that and the daily taunt of 'fag'."

One of the gay teens interviewed cited increased media visibility in creating a climate where gay and lesbian young people do not feel so isolated or as afraid to come out of the closet. Prominent and balanced articles like this one will help many more. Send a note of support to the reporter and/or to Pearl Stewart, Editor, *Oakland Tribune*, 66 Jack London Square, Oakland CA 94607.

Joanne Jacobs

In the January 1 *San Jose Mercury News*, staff columnist Joanne Jacobs argued in favor of celebrating our similarities, as opposed to our differences, and promoting a cultural "melting pot" as opposed to "multiculturalism."

In a strange illustration of her argument, Jacobs (who is usually strongly against prejudice), singled out one group whose "celebrations of difference are really denials of difference," that group being lesbians and gays. The book *Heather Has Two Mommies*, Jacobs wrote, "implies that there is no difference in love, caring or stability, between a lesbian family with a child and a family formed by a married man and a woman." Of course, that is the point, Jacobs added insult to injury by implying a comparison between sexual orientation and various lifestyles: "You don't see *Heather Hangs Out at the Biker Bar* on the [NY City Schools] reading list, nor *Heather's Daddy Has Two Girlfriends*."

"Why can't we just tell kids not to insult or assault others, without asking them to approve of everybody?" Jacobs asked. If you'd like to tell Joanne Jacobs not to insult you, write to her c/o *San Jose Mercury News*, 750 Ridder Park Drive, San Jose, CA 95131, or call 408-920-5000, or fax 408-288-8060.

CoCo Times

On December 27, *The Contra Costa Times* published a list of the paper's "Top Ten Stories of 1992." Number 5 was the County Superior Court's overturn of Concord's homophobic Measure M, similar to Colorado's Amendment 2. To applaud the *Times'* recognition of the importance of this major victory, send a note to the Clayton Haswell,

Editor, *The Contra Costa Times*, 2640 Shadelands Drive, Walnut Creek CA 94598.

Spike Lee

During the release of the film *Malcolm X*, director Spike Lee received a great deal of attention for saying that, in publicizing the film through interviews, preference would be given to African-American reporters — but David Ehrenstein, the only African American writing film criticism for a national publication (*The Advocate*) was refused an interview. Ehrenstein says he was told, "Not now. Not ever."

Ehrenstein had interviewed Lee in years past, when he worked for a heterosexual publication. Syndicated columnist Liz Smith asserted that the refusal came because Ehrenstein writes for a gay publication. Lee has not publicly commented on the controversy. While his on- and off-screen message against racism is admirable and clear, his support for human rights for all people remains open to question.

Please send comments to Spike Lee, 40 Acres and a Mule Productions, 124 DeKalb Avenue, Brooklyn NY 11217.

California Curriculum Commission

Maria Lopez-Freeman, a science teacher with the Montebello Unified School District, is the newly-appointed chair of the California Curriculum Development and Supplemental Materials Commission. The Curriculum Commission is an advisory body to the State Board of Education, and is responsible for developing subject matter frameworks and other documents that direct the development of textbooks used throughout the state's 1,000-plus school districts. Because of California's status as a leading textbook market, the Commission also exerts a nationwide influence.

Early indications are that Lopez-Freeman will offer more progressive leadership than her predecessor. We can immediately encourage her to support lesbian, gay, and bisexual inclusion in textbooks.

Send your thoughts on educational equity to Maria Lopez-Freeman, Achievement Council, 4055 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 350, Los Angeles CA 90010, tel. 213-487-3194.

Corporation for Public Broadcasting

In response to right-wing complaints about "liberal bias" and "homosexual propaganda," the Corporation for Public Broadcasting this month announced a new toll-free number and special address for gathering public comment on programming. It is Public Broadcasting's responsibility to serve you, and your responsibility to make sure they do so. How about increased coverage of lesbian and gay issues on *MacNeil/Lehrer*? Or lesbian and gay journalists on *Washington Week in Review*? What about a NOVA episode on the causes of homophobia? Regular lesbian/gay commentary on *All Things Considered*? Call 800-356-2626; write to CPB, PO Box 50880, Washington DC 20091-0880 with your ideas. Be sure to keep this number and call it whenever something either pleases or insults you on your public airwaves. ▼

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HIV News

Gallo Found To Have Committed Misconduct

by Mike Salinas

A government investigation has determined that Dr. Robert Gallo, the U.S. scientist who claims to have discovered the AIDS virus, and his colleague Dr. Miculas Popovic have committed scientific misconduct by publishing false and misleading statements in scientific papers.

Those conclusions, contained in the report issued by the Office of Research Integrity of the National Institutes of Health, came as no surprise to other AIDS researchers and activists, who challenged Gallo's "discovery" almost from the day he announced it in April of 1984. What is somewhat more surprising is that the report also recommends that, to insure the accuracy of their future work, Gallo and Popovic be supervised for three years. Many activists, who have charged Gallo's egotistical imperialism has hampered AIDS research, are also delighted that the report "recommends that NIH consider whether any other actions are appropriate in relation to Dr. Gallo."

True to form, Gallo issued a statement in response, criticizing the investigation as "endless and incompetent," its findings as "utterly unwarranted," and his own "contributions to the advancement of medical science" as "undisputed."

"This ... government investigation should be of concern to everyone seeking to advance medical knowledge," Gallo said. He also expressed his intention to appeal the conclusions.

"These investigations have diverted not only my personal time and the time of others in my laboratory, but, perhaps, most importantly, our collective creative thinking," he said. "We cannot recapture that time."

Neither Popovic, nor his attorney, could immediately be reached to comment.

When Gallo was employed as an expert in viruses at the National Cancer Institute in 1984, he announced that his lab had identified an AIDS-causing virus that he dubbed HTLV III, and said he was developing a blood test to detect it. His claim was instantly cast in doubt by Dr. Luc Montagnier of the Pasteur Institute in Paris, who revealed Gallo's lab received viral strains from the Pasteur Institute — strains that Montagnier called LAV, which were virtually identical to Gallo's HTLV III. As more became known about the virus and its many subtle strains, it became clearer that LAV and HTLV III were, in fact, the same.

Montagnier's allegations prompted a series of investigations, a dispute between the French and U.S. governments over the millions of dollars of potential royalties from the AIDS blood test (plus the less tangible, but no less important, matter of the inevitable Nobel Prize that would go to the real discoverer), and — eventually — the basis for President Reagan's first utterance of the word "AIDS" seven years into the pandemic, as he tried to gloss over the international quarrel.

The NIH report stops short of accusing Gallo of stealing LAV; it "is not possible to resolve the question," it says. However, it does make the point that when Gallo asserted in a paper that LAV had "not been transmitted to a permanently growing cell line," he "falsely reported," which "constitutes scientific misconduct."

"This misrepresentation did not invalidate the basic

findings of the research, but it obscured the role of LAV in this important research," the report says. "Furthermore, the misrepresentation has the potential to impede the rapid advancement of research efforts with LAV. Because of Dr. Gallo's senior status and his highly visible role in the research community, the finding of scientific misconduct by itself carries a high degree

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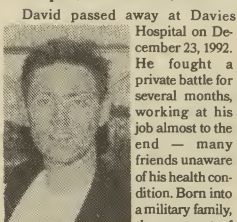
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For more information about these and other studies contact HIVCare Client Coordinator Drew Catapano at (415) 353-6215. HIVCare is a program of Saint Francis Memorial Hospital, 900 Hyde Street, San Francisco.

Obituaries

David Roy Proudlove

Sept. 3, 1957–Dec. 23, 1992



David passed away at Davies Hospital on December 23, 1992. He fought a private battle for several months, working at his job almost to the end — many friends unaware of his health condition. Born into a military family, the youngest of

four, David grew up in various international locations, including the Azores and Paris. The family finally settled in Phoenix where David attended Arizona State University at Tempe. After graduation he worked shortly as a real estate agent before settling on the restaurant hospitality field.

David moved to San Francisco in 1984 and joined the Ramada Renaissance Hotel when it opened. He continued as bartender at the Parc 55 Hotel. His interests included photography, travel and dance. He will always be remembered for his generosity of spirit and his knack for "turning the most mundane activity into something spectacular." David is survived by his partner Kevin Knapp; his parents Lloyd and June Proudlove, sisters Diane, Debbie, Dawn and six nieces and nephews — all of Phoenix area.

A gathering of friends is planned for January 23. For more information, contact Kevin Knapp at 864-7864 or Bill Ryan at 621-5045. "Shake your hair." ▼

Jonathan Ebarb

April 23, 1962–Dec. 28, 1992



Jon passed away in his own home on December 28, 1992 in San Francisco. Jon was a bartender at the Bear on Castro Street. He is survived by his family in Alameda. Jon, our dearest friend, we will all miss you very much.

Your kind, generous and loving spirit will live on in our hearts forever. May you be at peace, joined with your soul mate, Frank.

We find rest in those we love and we provide a resting place in ourselves for those who love us

We will never forget you Jon, all of us whom you touched and shared your love and friendship. God Bless you. From your 'family' of friends. ▼

Luke Anthony Cuarezma

Aug. 13, 1960–Jan. 3, 1993



On January 3, 1993 my oldest and dearest friend Luis made the transition to his next big adventure. Luis fought a valiant struggle until the very end of his first and final bout with PCP and though in the end his body could hold no longer, his indomitable spirit and humor never left him. At his side during the passing were his close friends Sian Van Cortlandt, Abel Arias, Eric Edelfeld, father Luis and brother Irving.

Luis was born and raised in the city and seemingly knew the best spots for everything. His love of nature showed itself in a myriad of ways, from the joy he took in hiking and camping to a deep sense of spirituality which was based on a keen sense of harmony with the earth and love for all. He enjoyed traveling and exploring new places.

Luis had a lifelong love affair with music, taking as much pleasure in spending hours scouring through stacks of records for the "perfect" find as he did in sharing his music with his friends. Luis started pulling gigs in various clubs a few years back, and

could be heard at the Stud on special events. He finally settled into a regular slot at the Detour on Sunday nights, where he delighted in sharing his vast selection of deep house, techno and esoteric finds. Luis was also a regular on most of the dance floors in town from the glory days of Trocadero Transfer and the original Stud to whatever the hottest new spot was.

Luis was friend and confidant to more people than I can imagine or will ever know. He was fun in that he always managed to keep his friends compartmentalized, enjoying and entertaining each group or individual separately for different reasons. Luis was something special to everyone who knew and loved him, and the memories he left behind with us will be cherished by all. We will miss his charm, warmth and humor — especially his humor since so many of our memories of Luis are due to his impish, mischievous nature. Sometimes I think this might be just another gag, just wanting to see who would turn up for his service and giggling at us for being so somber.

Luis is survived by his parents, Luis and Elmira, sisters Jackie Tyler and Evelyn Aguilar; brother Irving and many special friends.

How can we say he is gone — when he is so much an indelible part of us. ▼

David Emerson Slyfield

Oct. 22, 1949–Nov. 19, 1992



On October 22, 1992, Mary Jean and Richard Slyfield were presented with David, their first-born.

David joined his brother Jack and many friends when he slipped into the light on the morning of November 19, 1992.

He lives on in the hearts of his partner, Steve; parents, Richard and Mary Jean; brother Craig; his sisters Cheryl and Christine; niece Cherie; nephew Craig Jr.; and numerous friends.

For many years, David traveled extensively through Europe while employed as a waiter on a Norwegian cruise ship. But his most successful career developed from his genius and enjoyment of computers and his ability to troubleshoot. He was highly respected as a computer consultant.

David had a great love for the outdoors and especially enjoyed camping. He often turned a simple campfire meal into a fine dining experience with his gourmet touch.

His excellent taste in opera, ballet, classical music, ancient music and great food advanced him culturally.

All through his relentless battle with AIDS he lavished his incredible sense of humor upon all who knew him. David was victorious in his fight to live with AIDS for he never let the disease stop him from enjoying his life — including his career. He worked until he was hospitalized in Philadelphia after visiting the AIDS quilt displayed in Washington, DC and after visiting his friends and family on the East Coast.

David's parents granted him his last wish by making it possible for him to travel on an incredible journey from the hospital in Philadelphia to Mt. Zion hospital in San Francisco where he would be surrounded by friends he loved and who loved him. Most importantly, his lover, Steve, was by his side as he left on his journey into the light.

David was a caring and generous person who will be loved and missed by all whose lives he touched. ▼

Jack Kyne

December 15, 1992



On Tuesday evening, December 15, 1992, Jack passed away in Chicago House in Chicago, Illinois. His prolonged battle against AIDS had finally come to an end. His inner strength, wit, dry sense of humor, stubbornness and determination will be truly missed by his many friends in the Bay Area.

Jack, or affectionately known as Rose by his many close friends, was a member of the Barbary Coast M.C. and the California Motor Club (CMC), and served this organization with great energy. He was well known throughout the bike community as an excellent cook, having catered many a

meal enjoyed by all at club functions.

Jack traveled many years on Amtrak, serving as steward. During his years of service he made many friends from coast-to-coast and would often relate tales of intrigue and humor to the merriment of all within earshot. He loved his cocktails and his many friends and strove, with great enthusiasm, to keep them both going.

In his last months, he grew to depend on his close friend, Ernie Howard, who stood by him with a loving and close determination to help him through this terrible ordeal. It was Ernie that insisted that he go to Chicago House for the help he so desperately needed. Jack went screaming and kicking all the way, but, went he did.

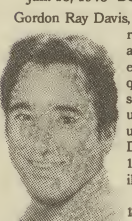
Jack is survived by two sisters, Frances Boyd, who lives in Texas, and Joanne Seelaus, who resides in New Jersey.

Jack took his last trip on Amtrak Sunday, December 20, to Summit, New Jersey, where he will be interred at St. Theresa Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made in Jack's name to Chicago House, P.O. Box 14728, Chicago IL, 60614. ▼

Gordon Ray Davis

Jan. 18, 1948–Dec. 10, 1992



Gordon Ray Davis, who loved and revered nature and who followed his own unique path of personal and spiritual growth, died unexpectedly December 10, 1992, after a brief illness.

Born January 18, 1948, in Frankfurt, Germany, he was adopted by Mr. and Mrs. Waite Davis and spent his formative years in India and the Los Angeles area.

Ray often said that the high point of his life was the four years he spent as an undergraduate student at UC Berkeley; this was a time of great intellectual excitement and personal growth.

He discovered his own unique spiritual path through the contemplation of his dreams and his investigation of other spiritual planes. Ray distrusted science, sensing that mankind gave up much in casting aside the world of magic with its closeness to nature. Faithful to his creed, he died without seeking the care of a doctor.

He became a teacher and eventually spent five years teaching in Europe where he traveled widely. Ray loved the sense of gentility and graciousness he found in Europe, but nonetheless felt an urge to return home. As always, he was striving for personal growth and had recently pursued writing short stories and poetry.

Ray was a charming, gracious, kind and loving man who liked few things better than a good conversation. He leaves behind many grieving friends and family who can never fill the void left in their lives by his passing. For information about a memorial service January 23, call 388-4969. ▼

Larry Erwin Burden

Jan. 25, 1950–Dec. 16, 1992



Larry died peacefully at Coming Home Hospice early in the morning. A long-term survivor, he was diagnosed with AIDS in 1983.

Born in Effingham, Illinois, his early life was spent in Western Kansas. He then attended Kansas University. He worked as a court reporter and lived in Washington, DC, Ohio, Florida, and Oklahoma before settling in San Francisco. He worked here as a legal secretary and later for the S.F. AIDS Foundation.

Larry was involved in a spiritual way of life and viewed his imminent passing as a transition. Clean and sober, he carried the message of recovery through his final days. He often did handwork for others, making rosaries, knitting and crocheting.

Larry leaves many loving friends here and his parents, Ed and Flo, of Oklahoma; brother Terry of Kansas; a nephew Ed, and a niece, Brenda.

A funeral mass will be held at Most Holy Redeemer on Sat., January 23 at 11 a.m., followed by a reception at the Henry Ohlhoff House, 601 Steiner at 1 p.m. For more information call 387-3648 or 931-0333. ▼

Jan R. Sears

June 7, 1950–Jan. 8, 1993



Jan died of AIDS related complications at CPMC in the loving company of his mother Sally, his partner Steve, his brother Donny, and numerous close friends.

Born in Missoula, Montana, Jan graduated from Carroll College before

taking a sales position with the Redline Medical Supply Co. in Minneapolis, Minn. His success took him many places throughout the U.S. before bringing him to the Bay Area in 1987 as District Sales Manager. His professional success was mirrored by his personal success. Jan had an incredible gift for making friends. His warmth, generosity, humor, and magnetism were obvious to all who came into contact with him. His intellect and openness afforded him varied interests, including travel, art, books, and, most of all, meeting people. Jan was a wonderful social organizer, and the number and diversity of his friends bear witness to that. He was blessed with good health until his recent, rapid decline, and went peacefully and without pain. He will be remembered highly and missed dearly.

A private memorial service will be held on Saturday, January 16, 1993 in the Bay Area, as well as a formal service in Minneapolis, Minn., at the end of the month. Remembrances may be sent to Project Inform 1965 Market St., SF, 94114 or Project Open Hand, 2720 17th St., SF, 94110. ▼

Ross Marbury

April 28, 1941–Dec. 30, 1992



After a defiant struggle with AIDS, Ross died peacefully at his home on 18th Street.

Born in Birmingham, Alabama, Ross attended Hamilton College, Clinton, N.Y. He graduated from the University of the South, Seawane, TN. He received

his MAT from Johns Hopkins in 1964 on a Ford Foundation Scholarship.

"I'm happiest when I am teaching," Ross remarked, and he taught at the following schools: Woodberry Forest, VA, 1964-66; Drew, San Francisco, 1966-67; also at the University of Minnesota while working on his MA while pursuing a Ph.D.

Combined with his other great love, travel, he taught in Hong Kong, Tokyo and aboard the U.S. Enterprise and other ships through the PACE Program/Chapman College, 1974-79; which led to teaching assignments in Saudi Arabia, 1983-85. He was a director of the Berlitz School here.

Ross moved to San Francisco in 1966 and up to several weeks before his death, was fully active and went to many events; his Victorian was enhanced by beautiful stained glass windows made by him.

Ross visited his alma mater, Washington, DC, Georgia and New York in July, 1992.

Memorial gifts may be sent to The University of the South, 735 Univ. Ave., Seawane, TN 3735-1000. ▼

Tom Morales

Dec. 5, 1992



Tom left San Francisco at 12:30 a.m. on December 5, after a difficult struggle with AIDS. He was a resident of the city for over 10 years, and worked at the Francis Assisi Community as an assistant administrator for almost five years. A naturalist at heart, he loved the outdoors, singing Irish hymns, and his faithful cat Tuxedo (who preceded him in death). Tom was 46 years old.

A memorial service was held at Assisi on Tuesday, December 8, and he was taken home to New Mexico afterwards. Burial was at the Santa Fe Veterans Cemetery. He is survived by his mother, a sister and two brothers, all of New Mexico.

Bye, Tom. We'll miss you! ▼

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David Emerson Smith Jan. 10, 1945-May 12, 1991

Poet and gay activist David Emerson died in San Francisco, May 12, 1991. Born January 10, 1945, among the younger of 12 children, he grew up in Rhode Island, served in the Navy (1963-67) before being "heaved out as emotionally unsuitable." He later graduated from Rhode Island College where as a student-teacher he was censured for taking his class on an "unauthorized" trip.

In 1973, he abandoned the professional life and became a gay activist, writer and poet. David first appeared in the gay press in *Boston's Gay Community News*. In Boston he joined the *Fag Rag* collective, participated with the Good Gay Poets in readings in Boston, Provincetown, New York and elsewhere. Through Freddie Greenfield (1929-89), David turned on to the jazz beat, street sounds, hustling and a love of freedom. His and Freddie's poems first appeared in *Fag Rag* #12, (Spring, 1975) and often thereafter. David lived with the Fort Hill Faggots for Freedom, a commune in Boston's Roxbury district, where he last visited for Freddie's funeral in the fall of 1989.

In 1976 David came to San Francisco with flowers in his hair and quickly became a twinkling light in the gay counterculture poetry scene. His celebration of hustling, poetry and street life, *Reverie's Telecast: A Telepathic Play* was produced by Theater Rhinoceros.

He often participated in the Radical Faerie Circle and his poems appeared in *RFD, A Country Journal for Gay Men Everywhere*.

David Emerson Smith fell in love with Mexico where he found much love and many adventures. In Puerto Vallarta, he organized street hustlers in a protest against bar owner and police harassment.

His body now lies beyond our taste, but his words still flow. ▼

Kenneth Franklin Hemingway May 2, 1949-Jan. 3, 1993

Kenneth left us to join his mother,



Ann, father, Raymond, and his many friends late on January 3, 1993. His passing was the culmination of a long, valiant, and painful struggle with AIDS. He was admired by all who knew him for his courage and determination. Always a bright spirit and positive word though personally in a great deal of pain, Ken is best known for his years of service to nature. A lover of plants, he spent the greater part of his life learning, teaching and working with plants. Golden Gate Parks floral beds and sculptured grounds of the conservatory were just some of his contributions to art and the people of San Francisco.

Ken was born in Salt Lake City, Utah, and moved to Arizona, New Orleans and lastly Gurneeville/San Francisco. Prior to his years of work with the San Francisco Parks and Recreation Department, Ken worked for many Bay Area nurseries and for a few years at Fifies Resort on the Russian River. You may remember this tall, friendly and handsome man who cared for the grounds at Fifies.

We will remember you always, especially when flowers bloom in spring.

Ken is survived by Chris, Kevin, his sisters Debbie and Sharon, brothers Ray and Mike and by his many friends.

In lieu of flowers, please send a contribution in Ken's name to the AIDS Emergency Fund, 1550 California St., #7, SF 94109. ▼

three brothers V. James Graff of Davie City, Florida, Curtis J. Graff of Boonsboro, and Kevin L. Graff of Boonsboro; and by two nephews and 2 nieces.

Dennis, you are truly loved and missed by your family and friends but we find comfort in the fact that you are now at peace!

A memorial service will be held January 16 at 11 a.m. at Most Holy Redeemer Church located at 100 Diamond. ▼

Billy Ray Parker

Oct. 5, 1954-Oct. 18, 1992



Billy Ray passed to a place where there will be peace and comfort always.

Billy was born in Atlanta, GA. He came to San Francisco 1979, became a part of the Gay community.

He became Mr. Cowboy, '81 with things moving on, he ran for the office of Emperor twice.

Billy was a banker at Continental Savings and Loan for eight years. He also loved to party and always said yes to do something for someone.

I lost a friend, but not my memories or the fun and bad times we had together.

Billy moved back to Atlanta in January of 1988, where he was with his mom and dad and family, when he was taken away to a better place where there will be peace always.

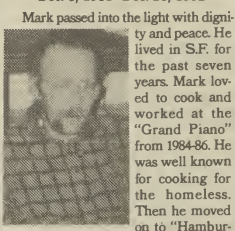
Well, my friend, until we meet again, may you rest in peace. Good-bye until we meet again.

Friendship is a priceless gift, but it's value is far greater than gold.

God bless you always. Ronnie Lynn, Mom, Loretta. ▼

Mark (Mack) McCaffrey

Dec. 3, 1951-Dec. 28, 1992



Mark passed into the light with dignity and peace. He lived in S.F. for the past seven years. Mark loved to cook and worked at the "Grand Piano" from 1984-86. He was well known for cooking for the homeless. Then he moved on to "Hamburger Mary's" from 1986-90. He had to stop working due to his illness. He graduated from Lowell High School, Lowell, Mass. Then attended Franconia College in New Hampshire. Mark is survived by his father, Edward, of Lowell, Mass.; his sisters Donna Nelson, Mass., and Martha Gale, New Hampshire; his nephews Scottie; nieces Laurie and Valerie.

Mark was grateful to the following people for their continued love, friendship, medical care and over-all support: Dr. Hollander, Tina Clark (UCSF); Katherine Hyde, Charlie Hughes (visiting nurses); George Woyames, ABC Counselors (financial matters); Ramon Matos, Karen Johnson, Jennifer Sparrow with Shanti Project; Michael (Pappy) Schmitz, Pete Rosenfeld, Joann from The Living Room and Wes with the Shanti Twenty-Four Hour House.

I am very honored to have shared a deep, meaningful friendship with Mark. I am also joyous that we got to spend the holidays together at the home of Darrel Johnson.

I more than love you, Ja'nes. ▼

Bill Pitoniak, R.N.

December 9, 1992



With profound sadness and loss we will all miss Bill who left us on December 9, 1992. What dear memories we will keep close to us. We will not forget that smile that radiated excitement, joy, and caring. Your hearty laugh will linger in our minds with special remembrance and give joy to our lives. We will not forget the concern, commitment, and love you gave to those who were in your heart. You gave to others selflessly and with the openness of spirit that was of the highest order. We will remember how hard you worked at your profession, and how proud you were of it. How you advocated professionally and spiritually for your patients and their families.

Your courage and willpower are things we will try to emulate. We will remember the enjoyment in your blue eyes for travel, dance, and adventure. Most of all we will miss your active listening, the caring advice, and the safe haven of your heart that you always gave. Please join us in celebrating Bill's life on January 16 at 1 p.m. at Most Holy Redeemer Church for a memorial service where we can share these special memories. ▼

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July 25, 1954 - Dec. 19, 1992

Lee Trevino enjoyed life because he strived for nothing less than the best in all his pursuits. His eye for perfection in his work was only parallel to his distinct desire to experience life to the fullest. He was a dedicated man, with a passion for the 49ers, the SF Giants, barbeques by the ocean, and the company of his cats and close friends.

Lee passed away quietly and peacefully at home, in Half Moon Bay, with his family and friends at his side. During his last years he fought valiantly for patients rights, quality care and humane treatment of the terminally ill through the San Mateo County AIDS Program.

Lee worked for 15 years in the magazine industry, helping to produce such titles as *Travel Age West*, *PC World*, *Macworld*, *Publish*, *Macintosh Today* and *Corporate Computing*. He was well respected for his high standards in magazine production, maintaining good-natured friendships with everyone involved.

Lee is survived by his mother, Cecilia, his brother, Ruben and many relatives of San Antonio, Texas, along with a host of friends and family in the San Francisco Bay Area. Friends are invited to a memorial gathering Saturday, January 30, in Half Moon Bay. Please call Michael at (415) 726-3154 for details. Donations can be made in his name to Ellipse of San Mateo County. ▼

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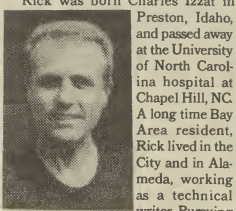
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Obituaries

Rhodri (Rick) Dugan Aug. 16, 1950-Jan. 3, 1993



Rick was born Charles Izzat in Preston, Idaho, and passed away at the University of North Carolina hospital at Chapel Hill, NC. A long time Bay Area resident, Rick lived in the City and in Alameda, working as a technical writer. Pursuing his interest in body work and healing, Rick moved to Jacksonville, NC, where he went into business as a masseur. Rick is survived by his mother, June Izzat of Grace, Idaho; his son, Victor Izzat of Ephraim, Utah and many friends here and in the Jacksonville area. A memorial celebration of Rick's life is planned for April 3 in Hubert, NC. For further information please contact Ms. Judy Niven at (919) 455-4107. Donations in Rick's memory to GROW-HIV Resource, 341-11 South College Road, Suite 182, Wilmington, NC 28403 are requested. They supply a vital service to AIDS patients in coastal North Carolina, providing transportation for the lengthy trip to and from the UNC hospital in Chapel Hill. Goody-bye Rick, your friends miss you ... ▽

Jeffrey Rex Lundy April 12, 1958-Dec. 9, 1992

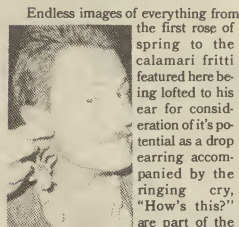


Our dear Jeff passed on suddenly, after a very brief HIV-related illness. He passed over peacefully with his loving brother and a friend at his side. Born and raised in Indiana, Jeff spent most of his young life there. He spent some time in North Dakota at college before moving to New York. He had completed two masters degrees, one in mass communications and the other in photography. He made a career in the film industry, worked very hard and was successful. He made a few close friends in New York that he kept in close contact with over the years, who deeply supported him during his struggle with HIV. After he found out he was HIV-positive, he moved to Huntsville, Alabama, to live with his brother. While he was there, he went to school to get another degree in occupational therapy, but didn't finish. He stayed for about eight months before coming to San Francisco and called this city he loved so dearly, his home for four-and-a-half years.

He is survived by his father, loving mother, Jane; and brother Gene, who supported and helped him during his struggles, and some very close friends who will miss him greatly. Words can't express how empty my heart is. Wherever you are Jeff, my love will be part of you, as I know yours will always be a part of me. Until we meet again, my dearest, wonderful friend. I'll miss you. ▽

Richard Coleman

Nov. 24, 1949-Jan. 3, 1993



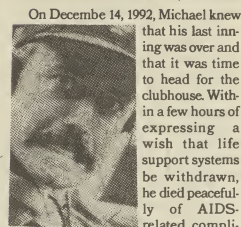
Endless images of everything from the first rose of spring to the calamari fritti featured here being lofted to his ear for consideration of it's potential as a drop earring accompanied by the ringing cry, "How's this?" are part of the rich legacy left by Richard W. Coleman. On Jan. 3, in his hilltop hacienda in Cazadero, surrounded by loving friends, family and his astounding canine companion Bernie, Richard smiled sweetly, fell asleep and slipped free of the constraints AIDS placed on the last three years of his life.

In his mother's kitchen in Dayton, Ohio, Rita (as he was fondly known to his nearest and dearest as well as gazillions of others) learned to love good food and spent nearly 20 years working in fine kitchens from Boston to New York to San Francisco. As a chef he charmed his kitchen staff, terrorized "waitrons" who fell short of his expectations and still managed to plate wonderful meals for diners at "The Vintner," his own restaurant in S.F., as well as several other Bay Area restaurants.

He is survived by his father, three big sisters, nieces and nephews and the proverbial "army of lovers" — his many friends and care-givers. Richard believed (cause Rox Russell told him so) "Life is a banquet ..." and asked that in remembrance donations of food, time or money be made to help feed PWAs. Oh, Rita — I love you more than all the wonderful times we had ... ▽

Michael J. Patterson

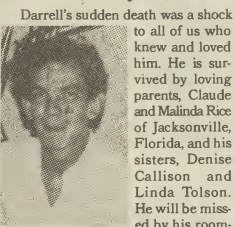
Oct. 27, 1953-Dec. 14, 1992



On December 14, 1992, Michael knew that his last inning was over and that it was time to head for the clubhouse. With-in a few hours of expressing a wish that life support systems be withdrawn, he died peacefully of AIDS-related complications. Michael's last message to us all was: "I love everybody and it's been a most unusual life. I hope everyone feels quickly. Thank you." So many of us remember Michael in so many different ways that no one person can summarize the many facets of this talented, joyful, impetuous man. You may have known him through recovery, his South-of-Market forays, his meticulous art work, as a Giants' fan, his passion for games, or in some other context. Whatever your connection was, you are invited to participate in an informal memorial gathering in the basement of All Saints' Episcopal Church, 1350 Waller St. (near Masonic), at 2 p.m. on Saturday, January 30. Please bring snacks and memories to share. ▽

Darrell C. Rice

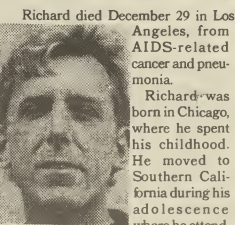
Feb. 18, 1965-Jan. 4, 1993



Darrell's sudden death was a shock to all of us who knew and loved him. He is survived by loving parents, Claude and Malinda Rice of Jacksonville, Florida, and his sisters, Denise Callison and Linda Tolson. He will be missed by his roommate, Faith Neil, and her daughter, Cheryl, by those who came to know him and enjoyed working with him at Grosvenor Properties and by many other friends in the Bay Area. Darrell loved children and spent many of his happiest hours in joyful play with them. He also loved cats and will definitely be missed by Max. A memorial service was held at Trinity Episcopal Church in San Francisco on January 7 for his "San Francisco family." Another memorial was set for January 9 in Jacksonville. Forewell, Darrell. Rest in Peace. ▽

Richard Iostly

1952-1992



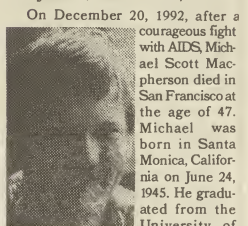
Richard died December 29 in Los Angeles, from AIDS-related cancer and pneumonia. Richard was born in Chicago, where he spent his childhood. He moved to Southern California during his adolescence where he attended public schools and eventually joined in the revolutions, revelries and reveries of the '60s and '70s — which included hippiedom, punkdom and the ever expanding gay scene. The '80s found him in San Francisco, where, after he had settled down in a conventional job he decided to continue his education and to pursue his real love, art history scholarship. He accepted sobriety and extended an unshakable compassion for those who continue to struggle with addiction.

Richard returned to L.A. in the late '80s to begin a shining career as a student in the art history department at UCLA. He became an active member of ACT-UP/LA and later became a founder of Queer Nation/LA. His angry, articulate rambunctiousness not only made him active locally, but took him around the nation several times. Even as his health failed, he continued his studies and his activism. His indomitable will carried him through his illness. His body might have failed him, but not his hopes and dreams for a better world.

Richard, you inspired us, we love you and we won't forget you. ▽

Michael Scott Macpherson

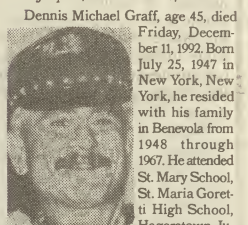
June 24, 1945-Dec. 30, 1992



On December 20, 1992, after a courageous fight with AIDS, Michael Scott Macpherson died in San Francisco at the age of 47. Michael was born in Santa Monica, California on June 24, 1945. He graduated from the University of California at Berkeley majoring in economics and music. Michael was a pioneer in the computer industry, designing systems and programs for several bank institutions in the San Francisco area. Michael survived his longtime partner, Hal Freeman. During his life, he continued his interest in music, particularly in symphony and opera. Michael is survived by his parents, Patricia and Don, and his brothers Jamie, Don Jr. and Scott Macpherson as well as innumerable friends and admirers. In memory of Michael, please make donations to San Francisco Project Inform, Inc., 1965 Market Street, Suite 220, San Francisco, CA 94103. ▽

Dennis Michael Graff

July 25, 1947-Dec. 11, 1992

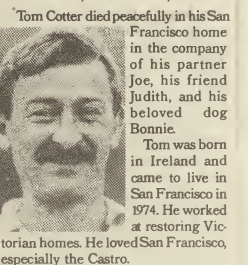


Dennis Michael Graff, age 45, died Friday, December 11, 1992. Born July 25, 1947 in New York, New York, he resided with his family in Benevola from 1948 through 1967. He attended St. Mary School, St. Maria Goretti High School, Hagerstown Junior College, and was graduated from Virginia Commonwealth University with bachelors and masters degrees in Art History. He served as a sergeant with the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam era. He was a member of the Most Holy Redeemer Catholic Church in San Francisco. He was a member of the Morris Frock Post 42 of the American Legion. Beautiful Dennis received the title of "Leather Daddy" from the Eagle July 28, 1989 but had to resign later that year due to an injury.

He was preceded in death by his father, Vincent James Graff of Boonsboro. He is survived by his mother, Mary Catherine Graff; by

Tom Cotter

March 5, 1952-Dec. 9, 1992



Tom Cotter died peacefully in his San Francisco home in the company of his partner Joe, his friend Judith, and his beloved dog Bonnie. Tom was born in Ireland and came to live in San Francisco in 1974. He worked at restoring Victorian homes. He loved San Francisco, especially the Castro. Tom loved taking long and peaceful walks on the beach and through Golden Gate Park. He liked listening to classical music, cooking fine foods, gardening, and entertaining his friends. Tom was gifted musically. He played the piano, guitar and flute. Tom loved people. He was always available to listen and help his friends. He always had the love and support of his family and friends. He is survived by his wife, Mary; his family in Ireland; his partner, Joe; his beloved dog Bonnie; and his friends (especially Keith, Kim, Veronica, Ben and Judith). ▽

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'92 Hate Crime Totals

Compiled by CUAV Staff

CUAV staff members are now compiling and analyzing the hate crime statistics reported to the agency for 1992. As many are aware, CUAV releases this information every year in March in conjunction with the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force's release of national statistics. While no preliminary data for the whole year is available yet, it looks as if the number of reports will be up again this year. This is verified by an increase in the first quarter of 1992 as compared to the same quarter of 1991.

In 1991, CUAV received reports of 473 incidents of anti-lesbian/gay/bi/transgender violence, or an 11 percent increase over the number of reports in 1990. In that number, the number of AIDS bias incidents increased by 25 percent, until they now constitute 10 percent of the total number of cases.

Preliminary data for the first quarter (January-March) of 1992 show 133 incidents, a 17 percent increase over the 114 incidents reported in the same quarter of 1991. Some 63 percent of these incidents involved the use of weapons, including fists and the use of the body. This increase in the first quarter indicates the likelihood of an increase in the number of incidents for the whole year—particularly since this was an election year with some highly charged and visible anti-lesbian/gay rhetoric in the media and various campaigns.

Again, for 1991, the Castro remained the neighborhood that reported the highest number of incidents, reporting 26 percent of the total. Incidents in the Mission constituted 15 percent of the total; incidents in SoMa constituted 6 percent; incidents in the Tenderloin constituted 5 percent; and the Haight/Twin Peaks constituted 5 percent. Other areas of the city each constituted about 1 to 3 percent of the total number of incidents.

What does it all mean?

Numbers, statistics, and percentages seem a bit cold and distanced from the reality of what those numbers represent. Let's ground ourselves for a minute. The numbers represent bashings. Be they verbal or physical, these figures represent the assault on the dignity, integrity, and well-being of lesbians, gays, bisexuals, and transgender people. And the intensity and frequency of the assaults continues to rise.

But—the number of incidents reported to CUAV is only the tip of the iceberg. A 1989 survey completed by the *San Francisco Examiner* revealed that there were as many as 6,500 anti-lesbian/gay, hate-motivated assaults every

year in San Francisco and 45,000 in the Bay Area. So one must ask the question, are the increases in reports to CUAV a result of increasing incidents or a result of increased reporting? We suspect that it is both. If reporting increases we will be able to get a more accurate picture of the problem.

The importance of reporting

CUAV staff cannot overemphasize the importance of reporting any harassment, threat, or actual assault that you believe to be hate-motivated based upon your perceived sexual orientation or gender identification. These statistics become the body of evidence that we use to show that we are still not safe; the body of evidence we use to justify the need for hate crime statutes; and to raise awareness of civil rights violations, prejudice, and violence to which we are subjected. They also provide us with important information as to who we need to target with safety information, who we need to focus upon with prevention education, and what neighborhoods are the most dangerous and need the attention of activists and organizers.

In particular, CUAV is reaching out to people of color, women, and transgender persons and encouraging them to report incidents. If you are lesbian, gay, bisexual, or a transgender person of any race or ethnicity and are harassed or bashed for who you are, please report your incident to CUAV. We believe that reports of attacks on people of color are under-represented in the overall totals. This is a gap that we are working to rectify.

CUAV is also very interested in taking reports of any harassment people receive from police, from MUNI, or from any other city service. These problems can be fixed—we just need to know about them.

How to report to CUAV

If you have been bashed and are in an emergency situation and need someone to talk to for comfort or advice, you can call CUAV's 24-hour CrisisLine at 333-HELP (333-4357). You should be able to speak to a volunteer CrisisLine Counselor shortly after you call. If you are recovered, or weren't injured, or simply want the incident recorded, you can call CUAV during the business day at 777-5500 to make a report. All reports are strictly confidential. No personal identifying information is ever released without the explicit consent of the person making the report.

We are a long way from ending hate violence against lesbians, gays, bisexuals and transgender people. But there are some very practical steps we can take that will help us to get there. One such step is reporting incidents to CUAV.

CUAV is a lesbian, gay and bisexual nonprofit agency dedicated to educating people and preventing violence against lesbians, gays and bisexuals. The agency is also dedicated to providing empowering services to those of our communities who are bashed or battered. For more information call: (415) 777-5500. If you are bashed or the victim of domestic violence, call our 24-hour CrisisLine: (415) 333-HELP; (415) 333-4357.

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Gallo

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of opprobrium."

The report did not stop with the one demonstrative example of Gallo's misfeasance; it concludes that "many of Dr. Gallo's actions reflect a pattern of conduct that must be censured even though they do not constitute misconduct."

Popovic was found to have committed four of the 16 alleged instances of scientific misconduct, including false reports of scientific methods and results. However, it says, the "scientific misconduct on the part of Dr. Popovic is relatively minor, does not invalidate the findings of his breakthrough research, and



Robert Gallo — It's a copy, but so is his virus.

should not preclude his employment as a scientist."

What the study did recommend included the overseeing of Gallo's lab, to "ensure accuracy in the recording and reporting of research conducted," a similar plan to supervise Popovic, and also that "NIH consider whether any other actions are appropriate in relation to Dr. Gallo or the management" of his lab.

Some of Gallo's responses to the report sound surprisingly similar to charges against him during the early years of the controversy between his lab and the Pasteur Institute.

"We cannot even begin to calculate the amount of potentially lifesaving research that has been lost," he said arrogantly. ▽

KRON's Colorado Weather Reports Get Chilly Reception

by Dennis Conkin

A local weatherman's chance to give live weather forecasts from a remote facility at a meteorological convention were scrapped this week after just one day's broadcast because the convention is being held in Steamboat Springs, Colorado.

KRON-TV weatherman Steve Riley was to broadcast the local weather from the Steamboat Springs site beginning January 11, as a way of highlighting his attendance at the convention, according to

Al Holzer, KRON news director.

Riley's commitment to attend the convention — and KRON's agreement to do the live broadcasts — were made "well before the the vote on Amendment 2 was an issue," Holzer told the *Bay Area Reporter*.

But, Holzer said, the station "is sensitive" to the issues of transmitting a non-essential and non-news feature broadcast plugging a television personality from a state that has enacted an anti-gay rights measure.

"We were doing it to a large extent to ameliorate Steve Riley as a way for him to get on the air up here," Holzer said. "But the bottom line is that the weather will not be broadcast from Steamboat Springs."

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Radical Thoughts

by Jerry Terranova

Collapse. It's starting to fall down. The walls — around us, between us and within us — are starting to crumble. Around us, a rigid, life-negating system begins to crack under the weight of its own corruption. Between us, all that keeps us separate from one another starts to dissolve. And within, the part of us still attached to the decaying system begins to die. It all culminates in a grand completion that holds within it the seeds of renewal.

The system in question is an entrenched alliance between Western medicine, politics, our profit-driven economy, and a population that is actively discouraged from questioning the assumptions at the heart of the monolith.

The spokespeople for this decaying system are losing their cloak of credibility. They escalate their efforts to hold on to the power they've amassed by tightening their stranglehold on the individual. But despite their efforts, their authority is being challenged. A grass roots counter-force is building, a highly moral and courageous alliance of individuals brought together by the power of their questions.

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In the world of AIDS, early signs of the collapse of the AIDS dogma are everywhere. HIV is being challenged on many fronts. In the last few months, we've seen, the formation of the Group for the Scientific Reappraisal of the HIV/AIDS Hypothesis; greater press coverage of the case against HIV (including

The real money in AIDS may be in looking for a cure, not finding one.

recent pieces in *Newsweek* and the *L.A. Times*); and the revelation of the last International AIDS Conference — the new "mystery virus" which provides proof of AIDS without HIV. The collapse of the HIV model looks imminent and it signals the beginning of a new day in AIDS.

Celia Farber's article, "The HIV Myth" (*Spin* magazine, June '92) concludes, "Virtually every scientist working in the field of AIDS believes that

HIV is the cause and yet nobody can cite a single reference from a body of scientific data that leads them to conclude that this is true."

Clear Expressions

One of the clearest expressions of the growing AIDS dissidence took place in Amsterdam last May. It was the first international *alternative* AIDS conference. I had the good fortune of being in attendance. Although it was barely covered in the American press (outside of the *New York Native*, *Nature* and *Spin*), it was front page news in the *London Times* in April. This three-day event featured some of the most prominent "AIDS dissidents" ever gathered in one place at one time. The purpose was not only to bring together those challenging HIV but to question if a solution will ever be found in the form of a medicine or a vaccine.

Speakers and panelists included John Lauritsen ("AZT: Poison by Prescription"), Michael Callen ("Surviving AIDS"), and L. Montagnier (the discoverer of HIV) who no longer believes HIV is the sole cause of AIDS. It's not my intention here to provide full coverage of the conference. Instead, I want to share what I personally gathered from the experience and how it connects to the efforts of those who are pursuing alternative AIDS approaches.

Learning Curve

I learned three important things from this conference:

1. *Science will not save us.* In listening to all the medical and scientific debate, I caught a valuable glimpse of the workings of the mind-set of western science. It appeared to be one tiny fragment of the mind run amok — one rigid, male-dominated, theoretical, separatist, arrogant, ego-bound mind-set completely carried away with itself and estranged from the reality of AIDS. AIDS, a human dilemma, in the cogs of this analytical machine becomes a matter of charts, numbers, cohort studies and statistics. (I'm not anti-science. But I feel what we have now, for the most part, is not true science.)

2. *The cures for AIDS are here now.* But they exist outside the system. The audience

at the conference knew as much about AIDS as the speakers and panelists. Most everyone that stepped up to the microphone to make a comment seemed to embody a whole world of direct knowledge and experience based on their involvement with AIDS. Each of us holds a piece of the puzzle. Every individual that is working this problem out for himself provides another missing link in our understanding, another part of the cure. When this picture is assembled from the ground up, from the individual to the mass level, we have a clear picture of a global resolution of the problem.

3. *Networking is power.* Networking is bridge-making, a means to link up individual experience and information with the larger picture — the totality of human experience and knowledge. It is also how we overcome isolation; we see the strength in numbers and know we're not alone.

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An intense drama is being enacted on the world stage right now. A life and death drama. We're at the juncture between light and dark, between the past and the future. Survival is not the only issue; it's how we use each life and death crisis to discover and demonstrate the power of who we really are at our core. AIDS is part of a global crisis in consciousness, an identity crisis.

The first thing gay men learned how to do at the hands of this crisis was to die well.

As part of this drama, a unified movement of "stuff" arises from our collective consciousness in order to be completed and released — all of what's dying in us that chains us to the past — the denial of self, the fear, and the pain. This completion is part of our collective healing process.

There is also a parallel individual awakening in direct response to crisis as new seeds of life struggle for expression. There is a new compassion, an awakening of the

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Holy Waters

It's a homecoming of the most difficult kind. Waters Hardy, the favorite son of an African-American family, returns home with unsettling news about his HIV status. His arrival precipitates a crisis of unprecedented proportion for the family matriarch, Mother Bell, and others who love him.

Developed and presented by Theatre Rhinoceros, *Crying Holy* is the third play written by Wayne Corbitt (pictured on right).

Filmmaker Marlon Riggs has likened the black community's response to AIDS to that of "a child besieged by demons in the dark" who lies still, hoping the terror will pass if he simply remains silent. With this play, Corbitt breaks that silence in his own uniquely dramatic fashion.

Crying Holy has its world premiere Saturday evening January 16, and continues at Theatre Rhinoceros through February 20. For information or reservations, call (415) 861-5019. ▼



(Photo: Daniel Nicoletta)

by Robert Julian and Orland Outland

Gay male writers and publicists around San Francisco uncrossed their legs and stopped guarding their posteriors Monday when a certain aging porn star left town. In San Francisco on a publicity junket, Mr. Porn propositioned every man he met — reportedly with little success. When one gentleman was assigned to squire him around town, Mr. Porn insisted on going to a gay venue where he would be recognized. Since most clubs and bars are filled with patrons yet unborn when Mr. Porn was in his heyday, the hard working publicist wisely headed for the glass coffin (aka: the Twin Peaks). There, amid sighs and murmurs of recognition, Mr. Porn was in seventh heaven.

Hypothalamus Envy. Ice Cube, actor, rapper, intellectual and author of the immortal lyric "true niggas ain't

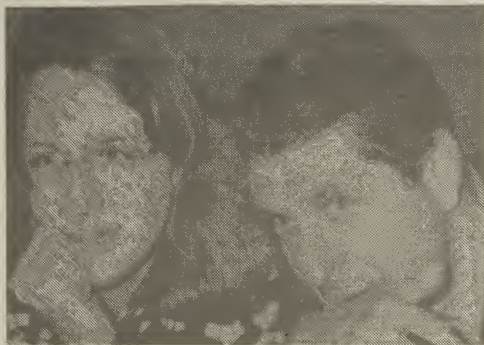


Ice Cube: Clueless

gay," is interviewed in the February issue of *Details*. In the interview, Cube explains why he has no queer friends (as if an explanation were necessary). "I don't know and

don't associate with people that's, uh, you know, that's gay. I don't, uh, agree with being gay because gay people can't reproduce." Duh, yeah.

Equally deep, way-tired folksinger Leonard Cohen resurfaces with a new album, reviewed in *Rolling Stone*. Lamenting the sorry state of society, Cohen gets right to the heart of the problem with the revealing juxtaposition contained in this pithy lyric: "Give me crack and anal sex — take the only tree that's left and stuff it up the hole in your culture." Lenny, your redwood burl butt plug is in the mail. If it weren't for Jennifer Warnes' cover of your "First We Take Manhattan," no one would know who you are anyway.



Jennifer Warnes and scribe, Leonard Cohen

The *Globe* reports that Elton John is "wasting away" on his new "chew and spit" diet. Guests at a lavish Hollywood party reportedly watched in horror as Elton chewed shrimp and crab snacks and then spit them out into a napkin. Elton, who's battled a weight problem on and off for years, supposedly said, "I love food, but what's the point of swallowing it? You can't taste it as it goes down your throat." Elton may just have invented anorexia without deprivation and bulimia without barfing.



Elton John: Blows Chunks

Mama, She's Mine: the *Enquirer* says Wynonna Judd burst into tears when somebody showed her a cartoon from *The Advocate* wherein Wynonna breaks into a woman's room, kidnaps the lady from her girlfriend, and takes

her home to meet her supposedly-liver-impaired-but-actually-quite-healthy-but-seriously-talent-impaired momma Naomi Judd. In typical *Enquirer* fashion, they state, "Big-boned Wynonna has been fighting rumors she is gay for years, say music insiders. But they add that she's partly to blame because she rides motorcycles, has a weight problem and makes negative comments about men." The writer, no doubt, is a close personal friend of Ice Cube.

Train For a Career in Peddling Pornography: any of the one-in-ten Californians currently unemployed would do well to rip off a Marky Mark bus shelter poster. The *Village Voice* reports that the philanthropic Calvin Klein organization has responded to the deluge of requests by selling copies of the poster for ... \$500 each. Although Mark's musical career has gone down the tubes (his last album flopped), it's nice to see he's already lined up a second career as America's most wanted male stripper. For some, this leads to stories in the *New Yorker*, as you'll soon see.

The *Voice* also notes that while *Spy* may have listed "Unabashed Gay-Bashing" (including Colorado's Amendment 2) as number 13 on its list of the "100 Most Offensive People and Things of 1992," after all that, "*Spy* apparently doesn't find the state sufficiently annoying to move its subscription service out of Boulder."

Let them eat Haitian cake. While Bill Clinton isn't listening to the likes of us when it comes to hiring, we've found somebody he can fire A.S.A.P. *New Republic* writes about HIV-positive Haitians being shipped back to Haiti, right through the final weeks of Bushdom, even though everyone knows Clinton's going to change the policy. Camp doctors are practically begging the I.N.S. to let the sickest refugees into the country for treatment, but they're being refused. Our choice for Bill's first termination? I.N.S. spokesman Duke Austin, whose response to the doctors' pleas for their patients is, "They're going to die anyway, aren't they?"



Calvin Klein: Philanthropist

At least Tina Brown is steering the *New Yorker* in the right direction. Leading into their latest "Another Category" section of performance events is a three-paragraph review of a show at the Gaiety Theatre. The event: "Babes in Boyland," performed by the Bone Boys. The *New Yorker*'s snappy double-entendre — "the dancers hanging out there now seem to be enjoying themselves." Nice going, but it's OutThere — one word, capital "O" and capital "T"

The new *New Yorker* also brings you this all-important fashion tip. Sneakers are "totally out" as gym wear; construction boots are in, thanks to all the gay boys who wouldn't be caught dead in the Chelsea Gym without them. Spandex and cotton lycra are also no-nos; wear baggy old clothes and cut off any fabric covering arms, legs or midriff. Maybe the real cause of former editor William "He Never Printed the F-Word" Shawn's death was the new oh-so-naughty tone of his former snooze shrine.

And, by the way, would somebody please tell Kate Hepburn to hang it up ...

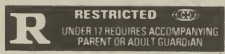
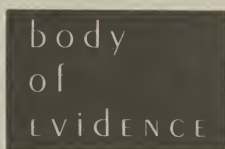


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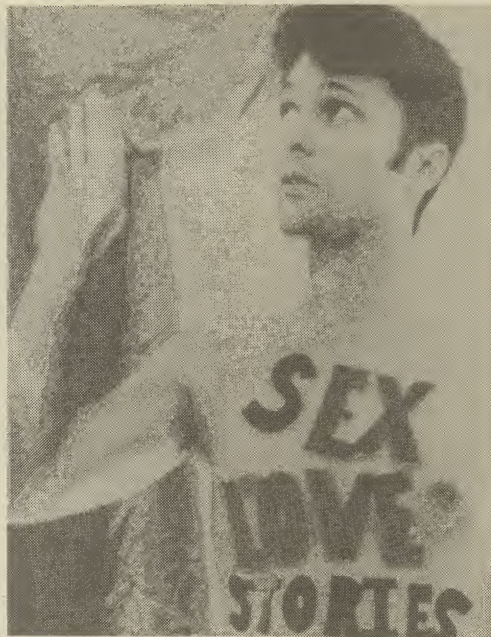
by Chad Jones

Performance artist Tim Miller wastes no time displaying why he has become one of the infamous NEA four. Barely five minutes into his new one-man show, *Sex/Love/Stories*, currently playing at Josie's Cabaret, Miller is prancing about the stage wearing nothing but his sneakers, chattering about election day 1992 and the 12 evil Bush/Reagan years that preceded it. As Miller glories in the dawn of a new political era, he celebrates by having wild sex on the rocks of a Southern California gay nude beach, glorying in the splash of spunk and sea spray. This is what Miller does best: blending sex and politics into sentient performance.

If all it takes to make a hero in this day and age is a slap in the face from the righteous right hand of the governing body, then Tim Miller certainly qualifies. But now that the light is shining more brightly on Miller, more heroically even, does the artist actually deliver the goods? The news is gratifying — he does.

Wake Up Call

Culled from the best bits of past performance works and embellished with new material, *Sex/Love/Stories* is an autobiographical journey through Miller's awakening as a gay man, a sexual being, and a political activist. With a minimum of lighting effects and an even more minimal wardrobe, Miller commands the stage with ferocious charm and a masterful way with his sometimes self-indul-



Being the creative souls they are, the artists come together (literally) in a massive orgy.

Read my tits — Tim Miller spells it out at Josie's

ideal, a perfect existence that's not quite there.

Upon learning of the Milk and Moscone assassinations, Miller flees to New York in search of his utopia. A hilarious barrage of boyfriends and apartments follows, but no ideal is found.

gent, always entertaining monologues.

From election day on the beach, Miller segues into the story of his life in 1978, hitchhiking to San Francisco at age 19. With visions of Harvey Milk and the possibility of a perfect society dancing in his head, Miller tells of San Francisco at its best — meeting a Joyce-reading college student at the Land's End nude beach — and at its worst — inadvertently hooking up with Marin moonies. What emerges from these early stories is Miller's quest for the

ful, to heal the sick, to foster communication and to save the world."

Uncivil Acts

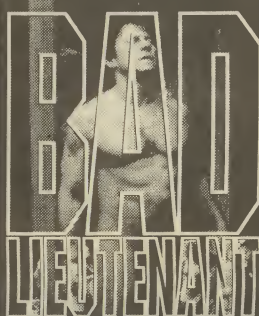
The scene changes again for the finale entitled "Civil Disobedience Weekend." Miller paints for us a prison cell inhabited by 24 "fag artists" arrested at an NEA protest at L.A.'s Federal Building. Being the creative souls they are, the artists come together (literally) in a massive orgy. Miller finds his utopia at last. When he emerges from his prison cell, the world is that perfect place he always knew was out there. There is no George

Bush, no N.E.A., no Jesse Helms ("Helms has come out as a gay man. Not Anything but that," Miller wails). It's a fantasy, but it is the perfect stopping point for Miller's odyssey.

The scrutiny brought on by the N.E.A. flap reveals a courageous, appealingly astirgent, surprisingly sweet artist who has a tale to tell and a message he believes in. Tim Miller may not be the visionary who will lead us through the gates of his envisioned Shangri-la, but his ironic, self-aware perception may help point us in the right direction. ▼

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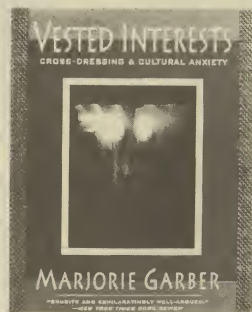
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Reflections on the Upcoming Production of 'The Celluloid Closet'

Just Part of the Entertainment Process

by Daniel Mangin

In order to create a motion picture, you've got to create conflict. In order to create conflict, you've got to create good and evil. OK, so if a homosexual is portrayed as a killer—hey, that's just part of the entertainment process. —producer Howard Rosenman, chatting poolside in "Homophobia in Hollywood"

It is another irony of our topsy-turvy world that the gentleman quoted above is among those lending their talents to the proposed film version of *The Celluloid Closet*, Vito Russo's ground-breaking book on lesbian and gay representation in the cinema. Russo made a career — a crusade — out of demonstrating how treacherous a phrase like "just part of the entertainment process" could be when it came to our depiction on the screen.

But wait, the plot thickens. Howard Rosenman is credited with twisting arms at HBO to get the Academy Award-winning documentary *Common Threads: Stories of the Quilt* made. So he has to be a friend, right? *Bien sur*, although some may have trouble forgiving his role as pro-

ducer of the remake of *Father of the Bride*, which featured a gratuitously faggy — not to mention completely unoriginal — portrayal of the wedding coordinator by Martin Short.

(Here is another splash of irony: Leo G. Carroll played the coordinator in the 1950 version of *Father*, made when the Hollywood Code prohibited even the hint of homosexuality. Carroll's coordinator is just as fussy as Short's, but the former con-

veys this through character while the latter's performance is all caricature.)

My purpose here isn't to pick on Mr. Rosenman. Is he a good guy or a bad guy? Ask his mother. Or his lover (the plot thickens further). If his opinions and actions prove anything at all, it is just how ambiguous matters can get when it comes to improving Hollywood's take on our lives. And how problematic the strategy of seeking out "villains" can be.

More Than Entertainment

As Russo documented so well, though, films are *always* more than mere entertainment. They may be "commerce" to the producer, as Rosenman declares in his *Out* (the British gay TV show) interview, but they represent and influence the mass fantasy as well.

Russo was the first to catalog the mass fantasy as it related to gay and lesbians, and he made this discovery: "The fear of homosexuality is often found in movies more than homosexuality itself." Which means that many if not most visions of us in mainstream films are not really about us at all, but about what heterosexual America is afraid it might become. (The phenomenon is circular. People are afraid of gays in part because of what they have seen on the screen over the decades: a lopsided bevy of homicidal maniacs and woe-begone misfits.)

More desperately than many other peoples, Americans need to know exactly where they stand. (This is something Europeans and others find so amusing about us.) We loathe complex situations (which is why Ross Perot did so well in the past election) and hate shades of gray or more than one answer to a question. Nowhere is this more true than as regards gender and sexuality.

Our films have mirrored this since the early silent era,



Fatty Arbuckle (in drag) is wooed by Al St. John in the 1917 film *Miss Fatty in Coney Island*

when role-reversal comedies were a staple. The moral was always the same: conform to the rules governing your gender or you will pay. The guidelines were specific: when Fatty Arbuckle dons a woman's bathing suit in *Fatty at Coney Island* (1917) and pops into the men's shower room, the breakdown of decorum is cause for a stampede.

One gent escorts Fatty out of the room and points back and forth emphatically between the signs for the men's and women's rooms. When Fatty is later found to be impersonating a woman, violence ensues, perpetrated by a man who was trying to seduce Fatty. The moral here: bash the transgressor.

'Just' a Gag

"It's just a gag," you say? Of course, but as both Mack

Sennett (Arbuckle's comedy mentor) and Sigmund Freud knew, there is truth in jest — and a ton of reinforcement as well. In *Coney Island* the comedic tension results in part from the audience's knowledge that if Fatty really does fool the guy, they will end up in a homosexual situation.

The gag still works. Eddie Murphy gets a cheap laugh in 1992's *The Distinguished Gentleman* when he momentarily thinks the Senate chairman is "going homo" on him. Director Jonathan Lynn takes a good minute or so setting up the bit, in which Eddie's solution is the same as in *Coney Island*: "I'm going to have to whup you."

The whoops of approval from a mixed audience last week at the Royal Theatre for Murphy's (by his '80s standards mild) homophobic set-up reminded me how potent (even in supposedly gay San Francisco) the fear of homosexuality remains. From my perspective and probably yours, the fear may be irrational, but it's there and it's real.

The question is, what do we as lesbians and gay men do about it? Do we sit back and agree that this is just part of the American psyche, that film is a business and we can't expect producers to stop appealing (or pandering) to audience prejudices, that homophobia is "just part of the entertainment process"? Or do we take Russo's cue and attempt to interject ourselves into our culture's discussion of us, to use whatever leverage we can muster to confront the irrational fear?

Late in his life, Russo became an AIDS activist. He saw a direct connection between media depictions of gays and lesbians and the indifferent response in the United States to AIDS. Gay men

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Eddie Murphy, the sensitive, humble, charming star of *The Distinguished Gentleman* (Photo: Barry Wetcher)

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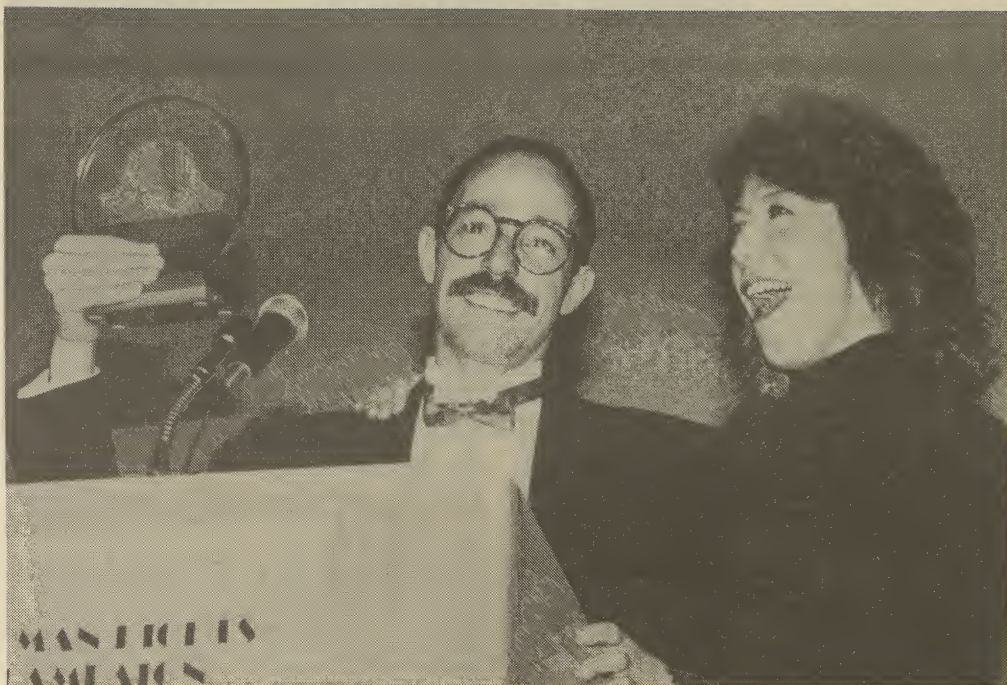
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We must avail ourselves of every appropriate opportunity to project our reality onto the screen.

on the public mind regarding homosexuals.

Films are, of course, only one part of the cultural dialogue about us — mainstream psychology and religion are obviously major forces (which in turn influence the mass cinema). But movies are major teaching tools, and we must avail ourselves of every appropriate opportunity to project our reality onto the screen. That culture is a *dialogue* by definition means we are allowed to participate — and Russo's research makes clear that we have a lot of ground to make up.

Lily Tomlin, Lypsinka, and emcee Harvey Fierstein get together at the Castro Theatre, January 22, 8 p.m., for an "evening of comedy, performance, and film clips" to benefit the Rob Epstein/Jeffrey Friedman production of *The Celluloid Closet*. Think of it as the community's opportunity to participate in the "entertainment process." ▼

Closet

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died because of those images, just as clearly as those images contribute to (though are not, to be sure, the sole cause of) deaths and injuries at the hands of gay bashers.

For Russo, a recurring phrase in newscasts and print

The late Vito Russo and friend, Lily Tomlin, at a Human Rights Campaign Fund awards presentation.

articles reflected the country's attitude during the first five or six years of the crisis: "There is no cause for alarm because AIDS is not breaking out into the general population."

"Am I not part of the gen-

eral population?" Russo queries in *Common Threads*. The answer, unfortunately, was no. Why would the country care about members of a group consistently portrayed as immoral, depraved, and a threat to society?

Russo's dream (first expressed in the late-1970s) for a film of *The Celluloid Closet* may finally come to fruition. The documentary and its attendant publicity will drive home vividly the control movie imagery has exerted

Book Brief

Exquisite Skewering

Looking for Genet: Literary Essays and Reviews
by Alfred Chester with Edward Field, editor; Black Sparrow,
\$12.50

Alfred Chester was a brilliant writer, who was devoted to language and believed utterly in its power. This collection of his longer reviews of works by William Burroughs, John Updike, and J.D. Salinger, among others, and of various essays, including a hilarious account of a battle with *Time Magazine*, is astonishing.

His writing is so direct, so clear, so scathing, that I wonder how some of his subjects survived to write again. Consider his thoughts on William Burroughs: "Though he reminds me of other writers, he falls short by comparison. In his tireless and tiresomely intellectual use of obscenities and in his shrieks of outrage, he is like an adolescent Henry Miller. In his savage political parodies, he is like a naive George Orwell. In his brutal sexual fantasies, he is like a timid Marquis de Sade. In his overpowering belief that the mention of petroleum jelly, baboons' behinds, and contraceptives will infallibly provoke laughter, no matter how many hundreds of times repeated, he is like a senile Joey Hirsch, the boy next door to me when I was ten."

John Rechy fares little better in Chester's review of *City of Night*. "This is the worst confection yet devised by the masterminds" at Grove Press, he thunders. When Rechy's narrator wonders why a handsome man has to pay for sex when he "could obviously make it easily ... in any of the bars," Chester has the answer: "The reason why is soon made clear to the reader, but not to the narrator, and certainly not to the author who is always so busy writing that he is the last one to know what his characters are like. The man has to pay because he is so boring that no one in his right mind would spend more than five minutes talking to him gratis."

Looking for Genet is a wonderful collection, to be read with pleasure by anyone who loves to see language put to exquisite use. Edward Field has done a grand job of rescuing an important gay voice from oblivion.

— Deborah Peifer

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'Man Bites Dog' Lacks Teeth

As Tenacious As A Toy Poodle

by Daniel Mangin

A loquacious serial killer commits indiscriminate murder and dispenses idiot philosophy under the constant gaze of a camera crew in the Belgian film *Man Bites Dog*. Shot in a faux verite style, this "mock documentary" purports to be outrageous satire — its press materials suggest that it is a combination of *This Is Spinal Tap* and *Henry: Portrait of a Serial Killer* — designed to alert us to the dangers of reality television programming.

Man Bites Dog opens with the homicidal Ben (Benoit Poelvoorde, who also co-wrote and co-produced) garroting a woman on a train, followed shortly thereafter by his deadpan explanation of the "ballast ratio" — the amount of weight necessary to keep a corpse under water (it's different for men, women, children, midgets, and old

folks, don't you know). Several murders ensue, punctuated by bad poetry, visits with Ben's family and friends, and interaction with the supposed documentarians, who become so charmed by the killer that they wind up abetting him.

Break every taboo — moral and social — is the goal here, but the mayhem is so forced that it neither upsets nor amuses. Nor does it lead to any particularly insight into media imagery.

Bad writing and bad acting undo *Man Bites Dog*. Our man Ben is supposed to be seductively evil, perhaps like the John Malkovich character in *Dangerous Liaisons* or the criminal types for whom Hitchcock elicits audience complicity. As played by Poelvoorde, the serial killer is merely obnoxious. It is no consolation that this is intentional — one only wonders all the more why that crew traipsing about with him (a tired conceit in any case) finds



Benoit Poelvoorde speaks softly and carries a big gun in *Man Bites Dog*

The mayhem is so forced that it neither upsets nor amuses.

him so captivating.

Spinal Tap worked as a fake "rockumentary" because the comedy was snappy and the scenario just plausible enough to make viewers occasionally forget that the band wasn't real. At its most effec-

tive, *Henry: Portrait of a Serial Killer* made one believe one was witnessing, if not a serial killer in action, at least the evocation of the psyche and soul of such a person. The toothless *Man Bites Dog* is so obvious it never lures one in.

Maybe I've become too jaded by the recent spate of self-conscious pictures about violent low-lives — *Reservoir*

Dogs, *The Bad Lieutenant*, et al. — but I found *Man Bites Dog* about as tenacious as a toy poodle. It does, however, make one realize what a trapeze act creating satire is: you're either perfect or you're dead. ▼

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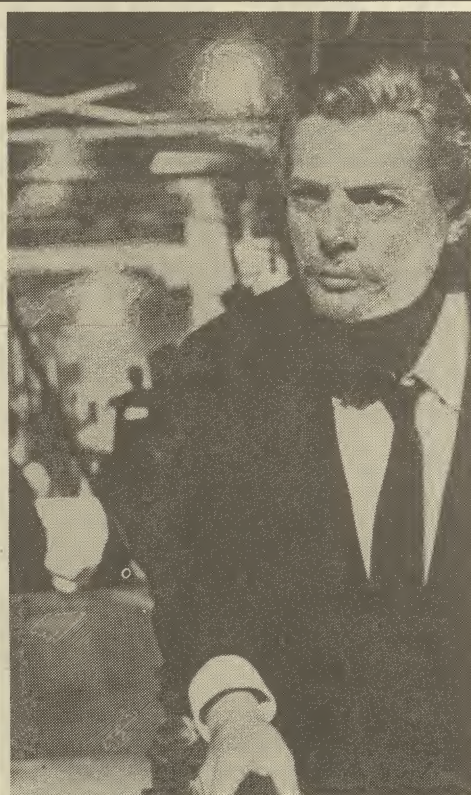
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Wrangler's Valentine

by Chad Jones

Between the flatulence of the man on my left and *The Valentine Touch* flailing about on stage, last Friday was an odoriferous night in Concord. What can you say about a failed musical that features a book by former porn star Jack Wrangler except, "No thanks, Jack. I'd prefer *Raunch Ranch* any day."

The biggest question surrounding *The Valentine Touch* is simply why? Why turn an obscure O. Henry story, like "A Retrieved Reformation" into a turn-of-the-century chamber musical in the first place? We've seen it all before, and it's tired. There is nothing new here; no musical history has been made. Aside from a few winning performances, a workmanlike score by Hal Hackady (lyrics) and Bob Haber (music) and an occasional guffaw, *The Valentine Touch* is so slight and so geared toward pleasing the *Cats* and *Nunsense* crowd that there is absolutely nothing interesting about it.

Chronic Anemia

The plot of *Valentine* is an anemic rip-off of what has already been brilliantly musicalized in Meredith Wilson's *The Music Man*. Jimmy Valentine, fresh from two years in prison, can't find the loot he stashed in a chandelier, so he follows the chandelier's trail to Willow Run, Idaho, where he stirs 'hings up as only a big city schmuck in a small town can. He woos the banker's daughter, cracks the banker's safe, has a sudden burst of morals when he discovers how good-hearted the kind folk of Willow Run really are and puts the money back. He gets the girl and leads everyone else in this eight-character muddle into the loving arms of their didn't-we-know-it-all-along lovers. Like the man sitting at the end of my row, you can

doze all the way through it and still say you've seen it.

On a community theater level, *Valentine* is a sweet frivolity with earnest performances and a valiant attempt at sets and costumes. On a musical theater level, it is sub-standard and amateurish. It's hard to believe that direc-

**Light,
warm-hearted
musical
comedy is not
Wrangler's
forte.**

tor Neal Kenyon is an experienced Broadway director based on the grunting, groaning, labored production he offers up.

What does succeed in this production are the performances by up-and-coming Bay Area actors Beth Wilmurt as Ellen Longstreth, the small town banker's daughter and Loren Nordlund as John Chase, Ellen's small town suitor. Free of pretension and, unlike everyone else involved in this production, fully in the spirit of the play's style and period, Wilmurt and Nordlund energeize the stage with real vocal talent.

Funny Valentine

In a cast of no-character facades, it is up to the actors to imbue their roles with something interesting—anything at all. It helps in a musical to have a competent singing voice. And while most of the cast possess the latter, this, unfortunately, cannot be said for lead Bryan Torfeh as Jimmy Valentine. Performing in ten of the 19 musical numbers, Torfeh's one note becomes rather tiresome. *The Valentine Touch* might actually turn into something with a competent leading man. Perhaps when it starts tour-



Dan Donahue, Loren Nordlund, and Bryan Torfeh — the musical trio of Jack Wrangler's soporific *Valentine*.

ing the country's finer senior citizens homes.

Finally, we come to Wrangler and that most elusive of musical theater components: the book. Now even in the best of musicals the book can give problems. But when the music is good or a performance takes off, you don't notice the book nearly as much. In *Valentine*, you notice the book a lot. Suffice it to say that light, warm-hearted musical comedy is not, as evinced by this offering anyway, Wrangler's forte.

The coda for the evening is a line Wrangler must have thrown in for his multitude of gay fans, a line that surely went misunderstood in Concord. Disguised as an Annie Oakley-type, the character Lil bursts into one scene with a hearty, "Hello! Hello, village people!"

If ever a show needed camp, it's *The Valentine Touch*, and if ever a faded porn star needed to consider yet another career change, it's Jack Wrangler. ▼

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Separation Anxiety

by Jerry Metzker

John Guare's *Six Degrees of Separation*, currently at the Curran on its national tour, typifies all that is right and wrong with the state of arts and entertainment in this country.

The play itself is terrific. Claiming to be the son of Sidney Poitier and school chum of their children, a young black man who calls himself Paul interferes in the private lives of art dealer Flan Kitredge and his wife Ouisa. Paul enters their apartment unexpectedly, explaining that he planned to meet his father in the morning but he was just mugged, lost all his money and credit cards, and has nowhere to go. The Kitredges insist that he spend the night, and he does, sneaking a male hustler in while

they sleep, but not out before they wake.

Remarkably, the Kitredges are more upset by the potential danger of the hustler than the homosexuality of their house guest, but with their world so infiltrated, Ouisa, Flan and their friends begin a search to uncover the true identity of this remarkable, if threatening, young man.

Strange Affect

Guare's play is fast-paced, funny and perplexing. Everything is a target — from charity roller-skating to apartheid to the *New York Times* crossword to *Cats*. No one espouses artificial family values here as the children berate their parents for stupidity while simultaneously assisting them in solving the mystery. Of the characters, only Ouisa seems to understand that



Marlo Thomas, John Cunningham, and Sam Stoneburner, scratching the surface of *Six Degrees*

(Photo: Schwartz/Thompson)

Paul has affected them, but try as she may she cannot fathom how.

Basically, this is a lot of material for a Broadway play, but part of this production's qualified success results from Jerry Zaks' direction. Neither an imaginative or particularly sensitive director, Zaks relies on a hip understanding of his audience's desire for a slick, uncomplicated production.

At times the rapid pace becomes a nearly incomprehensible rush. On opening night, it took the actors a good 20 minutes to get their pacing down and attend to the drama.

If one listens carefully and patiently, John Guare's strong and energetic voice breaks through the commotion onstage.

But where the play folds and unfolds within itself and the characters speak in a circular fashion, Zaks' places his action in a straight line across

the front of the stage, diluting the power of the more poignant moments. Then there is the problem of his leading lady.

That Girl

Marlo Thomas has long been a champion of gays and lesbians, so to speak disparagingly of her acting feels disloyal. However, for all her efforts, Thomas as Ouisa relies entirely on her face to carry the character. She moves as uncomfortably onstage as she looks in her costumes. Her only effective moments occur when she sits to chat directly with the audience.

Ntare Mwine's performance of the enigmatic Paul lacks the charm and elegance required to pull off his continually changing charade. Instead, Mwine relies on an overabundance of sincerity which too quickly becomes annoying. Even veteran John Cunningham, who received critical praise for playing Flan on Broadway, pushes too hard, looking almost embarrassed to be in this production.

But Zaks' direction epitomizes the unwritten Broadway rule — make it light, ostentatious and fun. Disguise the art with entertainment so the audience doesn't have to think too hard. On this level at least, the production succeeds. And at the same time, if one listens carefully and patiently, John Guare's strong and energetic voice breaks through the commotion onstage. For this reason alone, *Six Degrees of Separation* is worth seeing. ▼

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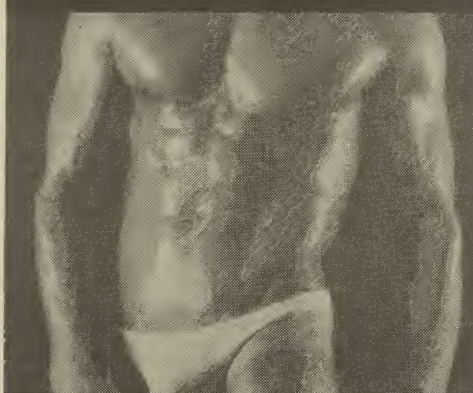
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The Melancholy of Departure
by Alfred DePew; University of Georgia Press, \$19.95

by Deborah Peifer

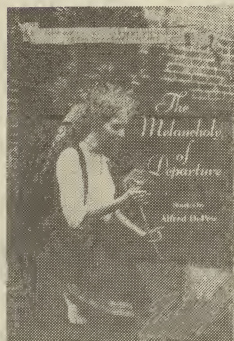
Of the things I like about writing criticism, and there are plenty, the best is the possibility of discovery. In the normal course of events I probably would never have found, let alone read, this Flannery O'Connor Award-winning collection of short fiction — and I would have missed an extraordinarily wonderful collection. Alfred DePew is a marvelous writer, and *The Melancholy of Departure* is one of the best collections of short stories I've ever read.

Consider this wonderfully apt description of Midwesterners, offered by a transplanted New Yorker in "Let Me Tell You How I Met My First Husband, The Clown."

In the Midwest, everyone looks the same — not like anybody I knew growing up in Manhattan. They look like everybody on TV who isn't

Jewish or Italian, like they've got this special farm in Iowa maybe to breed them ... like [they] sprouted up from the earth between two cornstalks in a field outside Normal, Illinois.

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Whether it's Edmond's funny and heart-rending monologue about his absent Henri ("Voici! Henri!"), or an amazing trip into dysfunctional family land, with a stunning surprise ending ("At Home with the Pelletiers"), DePew offers intimate and breathtaking characterizations. And, if you've ever harbored any fears about living alone, read "Hurley." Then you won't be afraid, you'll be terrified.

DePew's characters are gay and straight and lesbian and male and female and parents and children and couples and everything. He has a unique gift for using just the right style, the best voice, to capture a pivotal moment in a character's life. *The Melancholy of Departure* is a great read. ▼

The Tie That Binds

Heartlands: A Gay Man's Odyssey Across America
by Darrell Yates Rist; Dutton, \$24

by Paul Thomason

Well-known gay activist and writer Darrell Yates Rist set out to discover what it is that binds gay people together, what exactly is it that makes a person "gay." His search took him from Puerto Rico to Alaska, from Hawaii to New England, and to scores of places in between.

The result is *Heartlands: A Gay Man's Odyssey Across America*, a sprawling, almost 500-page, deeply personal account of his wanderings and encounters across the country. "From the beginning I'd opted to depend on the unexpected, letting men I met in one place guide me to men in another," he writes. "I had intended all along to avoid meeting men through gay political and AIDS organizations ... I wanted to find the silenter lives that lay beneath a movement's pronouncements and beyond the media's unlikely images."

The lives he uncovered are a delightful smorgasbord of humanity: cowboys, casino workers, alligator trappers, Air Force officers, drag queens, men who seem to have more money than sense, men who are deeply committed to their communities, a TV weatherman in the Mid-

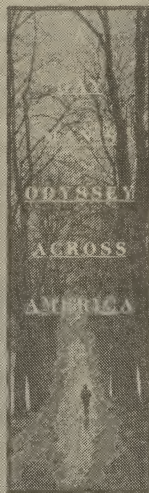
west, musicians, men who had narrowly escaped castration as a "cure," men who were coping with AIDS, a celibate gay psychic couple. The list could go on and on.

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Rather Tiresome

This is an important book in the breaking down of stereotypes about gay people, in its relentless showing of our diversity. I admire the author's fortitude in undertaking such a quest, his openness to strangers and their often quite different ways of life. (I also envy his often sleeping

HEARTLANDS



DARRELL YATES RIST

with the men he met.) But ultimately, and most regretfully, I found the book rather tiresome.

One of the reasons is the episodic nature inherent in such a book. Generally each chapter is either a different man's story or the author's experiences in a community. Like a volume of short stories, it is awfully easy to stop

after one or two.

However, more of a problem is the author's rather purple prose which links, and sets the stage for, the lives of the people he encountered. For instance, on page 21: "I am one elbow on the floor. Maps of America fan wide before me, atlases of possibility — the red, blue, and gray-veined webs of hidden lives. I

lie with them as I might with a man, ecstatic. Geographies redraw anatomies upon a page: masculine faces, strong arms, legs, the tight stateline of a stomach, twin Kansas Cities' tangled public tufts. Vermont hangs uncut, lubricated by a lake. Uptight New Hampshire rubs beside it, foreskin crested in Quebec — *coucher a trois*. Through the desert of Nevada, a lone red road throbs like the artery of a lover's burning thigh."

In addition to the lives of the individual men, there are occasional interesting observations sprinkled throughout the book. Of one of his hosts, Rist writes, "Like most of the leather 'tops' I've known, he is an articulate opera queen who overenunciates. He's also a tolerant, thoughtful human being, if a bit dogmatic."

The more Rist traveled, the more encounters he had, the more he began to question his presuppositions. Finally he came to the conclusion that "sexual desire is a more greatly amorphous thing than I had ever before believed, that it will not confine itself neatly among one species of sexual being or another, in gay or straight 'communities.' I came to see that 'gay' and 'straight' are political divisions, not natural categories ... I discovered that there is nothing I can say about all homosexuals — or most homosexuals — that I cannot also say about all men and women."

I admire the idea behind *Heartlands* more than the resulting book itself. But I am glad Rist has written it. ▼

Book Brief



The night Audrey's vibrator spoke.

Sick and Twisted

The Night Audrey's Vibrator Spoke
by Andrea Natalie; Cleis, \$8.95

Andrea Natalie is sick and twisted — I love that in a cartoonist. Her new collection of *Stonewall Riots* cartoons is a hoot and a half. She leaves no sacred cow unskewered as she explores the delights of lesbian life: kinky cats, training bras, and a particularly terrifying dyke nightmare in which we learn that "there are forced prayers in heaven. And in hell there's brunch with Edward Albee. Every day!" Her take on Jesse Helms is great — I keep thinking that if we laugh at him enough, he'll shrivel up and go away. Andrea Natalie will certainly help. This collection of weirdly wonderful, and wonderfully weird, cartoons is a delight. Don't just stand there in the bookstore and read this book; buy it to share with your friends. — Deborah Peifer

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Radical

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awesome power of the mind, the embrace of truer models of health and a deeper understanding of the roots of disease. This is the power of the individual.

We are at a crossroad. Every individual choice counts. Do we align with the old — the loss in, among, and around us? Or the new life — raw, frightening, unpredictable and undefinable? The question is crucial because through this new alignment we find a way to forward movement.

Old Order

Identifying with the old, collapsing order may result in increased feelings of powerlessness, victimization and isolation — more passivity as we wait for our "leaders" to fix the problem. In this way, we continue to be manipulated through our fear; we give away our power. The more afraid we are, the more we run to the seeming protection of authoritative structures, clamoring for tighter control and more regulation — a futile cry for a return to normalcy when none is possible.

For the AIDS community, the consequences of identifying with the old are particularly disastrous: we get lost in our loss and compound the problem. There is no denying the suffering and the death; it's all too real. Accepting our loss — what's passing out of

existence within and around us — is also part of our healing. But has our whole identity become wrapped up in this loss and our approach to AIDS completely defined by it? Have we no room left in our hearts for cure? We have to stop identifying with loss in order to call ourselves forward in a new way.

The system is not set up for us to win the AIDS battle. It is set up to sustain itself — not to cure the individual and set him free. It reinforces our loss, luring us into its machinery/bereavement model"

which dominates our approach to AIDS? My concern now is in learning how to break out of that model, the big black hole of AIDS that we pour ourselves (and our life essence) into. Our losses are as much a product of the corrupt system as they are of the disease itself. The machinery of the system, with its er over our minds, grinds up lives up on a daily basis.

To identify with the new is to mentally remove ourselves from a system that sustains illness in order to sustain it-

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control and step out into faith. It means taking an ethical stand in the midst of moral bankruptcy, finding your own sane voice in the center of lunacy, your own light in the heart of darkness.

Each individual choice helps turn the tide.

Final Chapter

I see the beginning of the end of AIDS right now. This is the future I see:

The collapse of HIV. The house of cards that is HIV will be blown down when we demand proof that HIV is actually doing what everyone claims. The collapse of HIV will bring about the elimination of AZT — or any other form of prescribed death. The system keeps spinning out stronger and more dangerous drugs which, in turn, consume more and more of our souls. With HIV and AZT eliminated, we collapse the idea of AIDS as a single disease entity (the concept of HIV is the only

thing that gives AIDS any unity). All this will finally enable us to fully embrace a more enlightened multi-causal approach to AIDS and immune system breakdown, which easily gives rise to the idea of a multi-solution model.

There are indeed many cures for AIDS. They are here now. The cures for AIDS are individual. The counter-force that is necessary to turn the tide suggests a new kind of coalition-building. The danger is in becoming isolated, marginalized.

We need to bring together individuals from four areas of human endeavor: science (a humane science with a reverence for nature, not a desire to control it); art (including the healing arts and global medicine); the socio-political arena (our power to do, our effectiveness in the world); and the psycho-spiritual movement (establishing our oneness with life in order to reclaim our native state of well-being). No one component seems to be enough.

We need not fear this collapse we now face. For within it, is the spark of rebirth that will set our souls free to recreate our world.

Editor's note: Jerry Teranova is the editor of Praxis, where this essay first appeared in a slightly different form. Praxis is a quarterly publication of the CURENOW Network, P.O. Box 29386, Los Angeles, CA 90029. Copies of Praxis may be purchased at A Different Light Bookstore, 489 Castro Street. ▼

Radical Thoughts

nations — not only through our fear but through our hope as well. In this paradigm, hope is the flip side of loss, another way to hold on to a system that is clearly not working.

Dying Well

One panelist at the conference stated that the first thing gay men learned how to do at the hands of this crisis was to die well. That statement really moved me. But it also made me ask a cold question: has our loss left us with a "dy-

self (the real money in AIDS may be in looking for a cure, not finding one). To identify with the new is to think for yourself, probably the most subversive thing you can do. We must attach ourselves to the life force itself — the new power emerging in us which contains not only our will to live but our basic instinct for freedom and autonomy — even though we may not know where that force will take us. To identify with the new is to choose self over other, to live life on the edge, to let go of

Books

S.F. General's Real People

As Real As It Gets

by Carol Pogash; Birch Lane Press, \$18.95

by Marv. Shaw

Consider "real" in Pogash's title as a collective term in which "dreadful grim, pathetic, exasperating," and even "incredible" are active components. But so are "heroic, dedicated," and "compassionate." Existing in a strangely parallel fashion, these adjectives are equally applicable. The book's subtitle is "The Life of a Hospital at the Center of the AIDS Epidemic" and this could hardly be more accurate. Pogash tells the story of San Francisco General Hospital from the early '80s to the present, and its many efforts on behalf of AIDS patients and researchers.

The book opens and closes with Jane Doe's story. Doe is an anonymous 24-year-old nurse who accidentally pricked herself with an infected needle in 1987 and subsequently tested HIV-positive. In the spring of '92, she was still gamely working. Intermittently, Pogash returns to the nurse's story, especially to illustrate the infuriating dilemma created for her by the bureaucratic intransigence of city officialdom.

Ongoing Struggle

Doe's conflict is fairly representative of the ongoing

struggle, as are others portrayed in the book. Dr. Michael McGrath's attempts to test Compound Q, the drug derived from the root of a Chinese cucumber, result in battles within and beyond S.F. General. And staff physician, Dr. Paul Volberding, is catapulted into being a national AIDS expert who now does as much work in the halls of Washington, D.C. as he does here.

But the person receiving the lion's share of the spotlight is Dr. Lorraine Day, who — depending on how you view her actions — is either a doughty fighter for patient disclosure and care-giver protection, or a semi-disguised homophobe who doesn't give a damn about civil rights. Pogash doesn't incline either way, balancing Day's fulminations at gay male promiscuity with exact quotations of this orthopedic surgeon's wacky analogies.

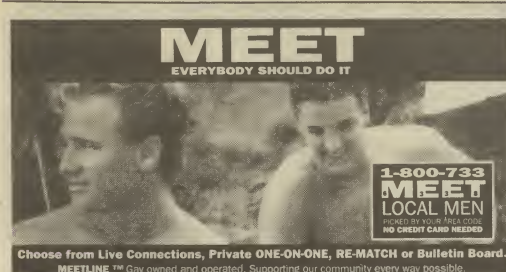
But it is not just the big guns who get the attention. J.B. Molaghan and Gary Carr, who run Ward 86, the most famous of the AIDS care sites, are admirably present. In a chapter that is both humorous and bitter, "Brownie Mary" Rathbun is limned as a tough, yet compassionate lady.

Numerous patients appear, but their parts are seldom more than bits, off which the major actors play. They are used to illustrate the many aspects with which the care givers must cope in order to accomplish their mission. These sketchy treatments show Pogash's wise avoidance of old-style sob-sister stuff. It's also possible that the patients are not presented in depth because the author wants to maintain her primary focus on patient care and research personnel.

At any rate, Pogash avoids the glaring error Randy Shilts made in *And the Band Played On*; there is no Patient Zero standing in for gay men generally. Shilts, however, contributes a foreword here, in the form of a comprehensive, appreciative essay. *As Real As It Gets* is designed and executed as a complete, clear, informative tribute, one that deserves a wide readership. ▼

Editor's Note: Author Carol Pogash will be reading from As Real As It Gets at Cody's Books, 2454 Telegraph Ave., Berkeley, tonight at 8 p.m. Call (510) 845-7852 for details.

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Treasure Trove

The Doctors Book of Home Remedies
by the editors of Prevention Magazine Health Books;
Bantam/Doubleday, \$6.99

by Dianne Aaronson

Anyone who likes encyclopedic-type reference books or is curious about home remedies (whether herbal, medical, or just plain common sense) will have a lot of fun with *The Doctors Book of Home Remedies*. Perhaps some of you out there are familiar with *Prevention Magazine*. It's been around for a long time. In fact, I subscribed to this publication when I still lived on the East Coast — at least 15 years ago. Its pages were always filled with "alternative" information on health and wellness, a precursor to the health food/new age/alternative therapies era. And now the people at *Prevention* are publishing books as well, including a book about allergy therapies which I'm told is excellent.

This book is quite a find — you will discover useful and amusing information starting with Acne and Asthma and continuing all the way to Wrinkles and Yeast Infections.

I received the *Home Remedies* book as a Christmas gift, and I've been having fun with it ever since. Initially, I amused myself by browsing through it to see how many of my favorite remedies had been included in this volume. Before long I became aware of a lot of little tidbits that were news to me. This book is quite a find — you will discover useful and amusing information starting with Acne and Asthma and continuing all the way to Wrinkles

and Yeast Infections.

If, for example, you have a problem with motion sickness, you will find five pages of potential remedies, including ginger root, olives and lemons, coke syrup, and bio-feedback therapy. Explanations of the various research involved and why a particular remedy is believed to work are supplied. Experts include doctors, medical specialists, academics, nutritionists, and "alternative" practitioners such as acupuncturists and herbalists.

Smoking and Snoring

Here are some interesting facts about snoring: Did you know, for instance, that most snorers tend to be middle-aged, overweight men and that snoring is frequently related to being overweight? Losing weight is, therefore, a successful treatment for moderate snorers, as it lessens and at times completely eliminates the problem. Sedatives and alcohol make snoring worse, as do cigarettes. In fact, researchers report that smokers tend to be snorers. On the more serious side, snoring is often a sign of sleep apnea, meaning that a person actually ceases to breathe during intervals throughout the night. This problem should be treated by a doctor.

Those of you plagued by phobias and fears will be interested in Dr. Levinson of Great Neck, New York, a psychiatrist, a neurologist specializing in inner-ear disorders, and a co-author of the book *Phobia Free*. He believes that 90 percent of all phobic behavior is a result of a malfunction of the inner ear and has thousands of success stories to support his theory.

Even pets' problems are addressed in this book, including the universal problem of fleas. Apparently Avon's bath oil "Skin-So-Soft" has been shown by researchers to be an effective flea repellent.

This and much more awaits all you information and trivia nuts. *The Doctors Book of Home Remedies* provides hours of fun in addition to some very helpful reference material. ▼

Basketball

Season Opener for Former Pacers Team

by Joe Nelson

The former Pendulum Pacers, a gay men's basketball team in the Eureka Valley Adult Men's Basketball League, starts its fourth season tonight, January 14, against Great Expectations Bookstore (G.E.B.) at 7:40 p.m. in the 100 Collingwood/Eureka Valley Gymnasium. The Pendulum bar has declined to sponsor the team this season, and the team will play in the league without a name until a new sponsor is found. The Eureka Valley league, comprised of 12 teams, is considered to be one of the toughest in the city.

This year's gay men's team resembles last year's squad, which finished just shy of a playoff berth. For the first time, the team will be coached by Rich Brown (former coach John Mitchell has other obligations). Mike Ambrosano remains the strongman underneath the basket. The rest of the front line consists of Earl Chisholm and Paul Alipio. Mark Johnson and Steve Moore are returning as shooting guards, and Jake McDonald will be the point guard. Team captain Daryle Morgan and Michael



Mazgai are injured and will rejoin the team mid-season. Sharpshooter Bryan Leigh and strongman Mark Satre are San Diego transplants to the squad. Another newcomer, Indy, has impressed observers with his abilities and could be a crucial factor in the team's performance. Other roster additions will be detailed in next week's column. Next Thursday's game

against Beale Street will likely prove difficult — the opponent has been league champion for the past three years. That January 21 contest is at 6:30 p.m. All games are at the Collingwood location. Come on out and support the favored squad for a gold medal at Gay Games IV as well as a terrific bunch of guys representing our community. ▼



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Pool

SF Shines at WCC XXVI

The SF Pool Association once again set a standard of excellence when it hosted champion teams and individuals from Long Beach, San Diego, and L.A., who arrived last weekend to face off against their local counterparts in the dramatic confrontation that was West Coast Challenge XXVI.

SF's Cathy Sutton ripped through the Women's Tournament with a supreme determination that saw her finish as the Challenge's only undefeated player. Her 15-5 contest record underscored her overall dominance of the event. SF's Mele DeVictoria took home the fourth-place trophy with a strong 12-8 outing in her first WCC event. Mele's rise in the ranks of local women players has been the result of a lot of hard work in the last few months.

SF has a tradition of dominance in the team event and once again fielded a strong contender in the QClub team. Captain Jun Valiao led Rex Norman, Glenn White, Glenn Ummemoto, and Michael Singesen in successive victories over San Diego, 9-7, and Long Beach, 9-2. In Sunday morning's finals, they faced a resurgent San Diego team,

who rebounded from a 6-3 deficit to win the match, 9-7, shooting five table runs in the process. In the tie-breaking match that followed, San Diego went stone cold as SF pulled away to claim the title on a 9-1 romp.

Potrero Hill's Slovenian Hall was converted to a first-class billiard club for the event, and Donna Hughes-Oldenburg kept the tournament action flowing smoothly. Krista Smith's heroic effort in coordinating the event was appreciated by all the attendees.

World's Best Women

For the first time the Women's Professional Billiard Tour is coming to the Bay Area for the first annual Creative Inventions San Francisco Classic, the premiere event on the WPBA's 1993 tour. The contest boasts a \$25,000 purse and will feature all of the top touring pros as well as some of California's best semi-pros. The event will be held at Chalkers Billiard Club in Emeryville, January 15-17. Further information is available at (510) 658-5821.

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Team Biceps, flexing for success

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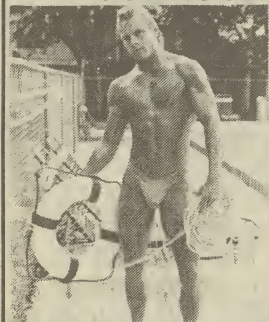
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The team will supply beverages. Interested parties only need bring their own nutritious potluck to share and a

towel for the tub.

Team Biceps is providing, at no cost to anyone who wants one, a read-out of their body fat composition, percent body fat, and basal metabolic rate. The usual cost of such a read-out is between \$20 and \$35.

Team Biceps members will be joined by members of the Golden Gate Wrestling Team, and throughout the evening, the team will show never before seen video footage of Physique '92, Gay Games III in Vancouver, and various Team Biceps events and shows. ▼

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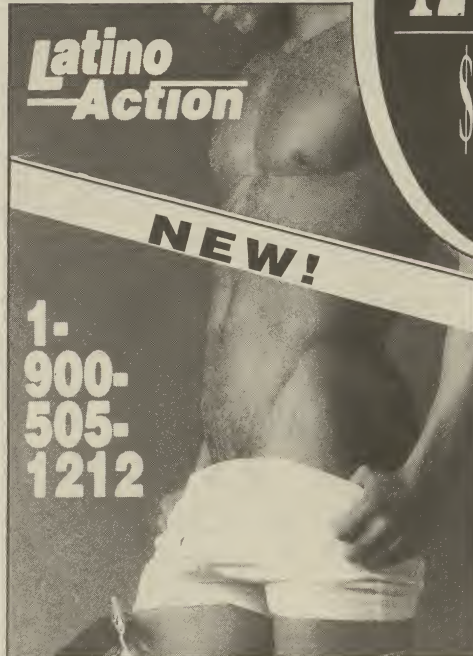
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A Poster of the Cosmos

Craig Osterberg performs Lanford Wilson's one-man play about life, love and AIDS. \$7-10. 8:30pm. Thru 2/7. 1800 Square Feet, 719 Clementina. 255-8510.

Whatever

Happened to B.B. Jane? They're back with a vengeance, but with a new cast. Tureful drag camp comics smear on the lipstick in a revival of the hit show. \$13-17. 8pm. Sun. 3pm. Artfull Circle Theatre, 47 Waller. 626-5455.

Breaking and Entering

Hunger, lust and vengeance are topics for LA poets Cathy A. Colman, Trisha F. Harper and Sandra Golvin. 8pm. Thru Sun. Red Dora's the Bearded Lady, 485 14th at Guerrero. 626-2805.

Sex/Love/Stories

Tim Miller's solo show of queer stuff, ACT UP jail orgies, New York hell hovels and SoCal riots "evokes a powerful sense of possibility." \$10. 8pm. Thru 1/17. Connie Champagne takes the stage at 10pm every Friday, with "This Is War!" a post-atomic cabaret, with accompanist Glen Kelly. \$10. Josie's, 16th at Market. 861-7933.

A Snake in the Vein

Alan Bowne's blistering black comedy about two men in rehab is extended thru 2/6 due to popular demand. \$10. 8:30pm. Theatre Rhinoceros, 2926 16th. 861-5079.

The Inner Circle

AIDS drama that has been shown in schools nationwide: for young people ages 14-18. \$12. Also Sat. 8pm. New Conservatory Theatre, 25 Van Ness, lower lobby. 861-8972.

Omniscircus

Frank Garvey and Theatre Concrete's social-surrealist environment of mechanical sculptures, industrial opera music and interactive performance. Described as a hellish carnival, sort of Goya meets H.G. Wells. 5pm. Somar Gallery, 934 Brannan, btwn. 8th & 9th. 552-2131.

The Brief but Exemplary Life of the Living Goddess (As Told by Herself)

Nina Beber's allegorical yet contemporary play about a girl's odyssey into womanhood. Thru 2/7. \$12-21. 8:30pm, Sun. 2 & 7:30pm. Magic Theatre, Fort Mason Center, Bldg. D. 441-8822.

Will Eisner's comic art (Wed.)



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Timon of Athens

Thick Description's updated, trimmed-down version of Shakespeare's satirical drama about a nobleman who goes broke. Thru 1/31. \$8-12. 8pm. Noh Space, 2840 Mariposa. 621-0507.



Hoedowns and Hot Wings:

Joe Souza (Thu.)
Jyl Lynn Felman (Sun.)

Miss Evers' Boys

ACT's compelling, well-staged production of David Feldshuh's touching drama about the nurse who cared for black men in the infamous Tuskegee syphilis studies. \$12-36. 8pm. Wed. & Sat. 2pm. Sun. 3pm. Thru 1/31. Stage Door Theatre, 420 Mason. 749-2ACT.

Philharmonia

Baroque Orchestra
A concert of Bach and Vivaldi works for flute, violin and harpsichord. \$19-27. 8pm. Herbst Theatre, 401 Van Ness. 392-4400.

Sister Double Happiness

Homo harmonies and special guests. 9pm. Kennel Club, 628 Divisadero. 931-1914.

81/2

Federico Fellini's dreamlike masterpiece of cinematic autobiographical extravagance. \$6. Thru 1/21. 2, 4:30, 7, 9:35. Castro Theatre, Castro & Market. 621-6120.

Shock

New dance club opens tonight, featuring deep house and tribal tunes, plus three dance floors, "hot-wired gogo flesh in cages" and other amusing overload offerings. 236 B St. in San Mateo. Info: (415) 364-9024 or (408) 374-6362.

SATURDAY 16

The Rover

Rollicking comedy of amorous intrigue set in a 17th-century carnival. Performed by the Palo Alto Players. \$10-18. Thru 2/6. Lucie Stern Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Rd., Palo Alto. 329-0891.

Crying Holy

Wayne Corbitt's powerful drama about an African-American family's spiritual turmoil when their son is diagnosed with HIV. \$11-17. 8pm. Thru 2/20. Theatre Rhinoceros, 2926 16th St. 861-5079.



Norbert Kraft

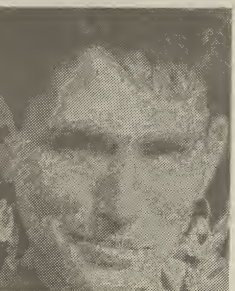
World-acclaimed solo guitarist performs works by Paganini, Schafer, Albuniez, Gerhard and others. \$12-15. 8pm. The Green Room, SF War Memorial & Performing Arts Center, 401 Van Ness. 726-1203.

Gay Comedy Night

Tom Ammiano, Scott Capurro, Mark Davis. \$8. 10pm. Josie's, 16th at Market. 861-7933.

Schmoedipus

Tim Curry stars in this 1974 film as the supposed long-lost son of a single woman. Part of the Dennis Potter retrospective. \$5.50-7. University Art Museum, Pacific Film Archive, 2625 Durant Ave., Berkeley. 642-1412.



SUNDAY 17

Slavvanka: Bay Area

Men's Russian Chorus
Slavic folk songs, love songs, drinking songs, marching songs and church songs performed by this 30-man ensemble, under conductor Aleksei Shipovalnikov. \$10 donation. 2:30pm. Paramount Theatre, 2025 Broadway, Oakland. (510) 483-0726.

Hot Chicken Wings

Jyl Lynn Felman reads from her short stories about being Jewish, lesbian and eating chicken. 7:30pm. A Different Light, 489 Castro. 431-0891.

G40plus Club

Guest speaker Stephen York discusses his years of faith crises and religious education. 2pm. First Unitarian Church, 1187 Franklin at Geary. 552-1997.

Wisecracks

Witty feminist documentary about female comics and performers, with Whoopi Goldberg, Phyllis Diller, The Clichettes, Paula Poundstone, Carol Burnett, Eve Arden and many others. \$5.50. 7:15, 9:15. Also 1/18. Red Vic Movie House, 1727 Haight. 668-3994.

William Samios

Charcoal drawings with homoerotic imagery. Thru 1/30. Architects & Heroes, 207 Powell. 861-2420.

Pleasuredome

Bill Camilo's totally revamped dance club, with new sound, decor and the usual hunky staff and clientele. \$10. 3rd & Townsend.

MONDAY 18

Gay Comedy Open Mike

Emcee Maureen Brownsey. Rookies sign up by phone. \$4. 8pm. Josie's, 16th & Market. 861-7933.

X-T-A-C Ski Club

Potluck supper in Berkeley. Newcomers welcome. 7pm. (415)330-5485.

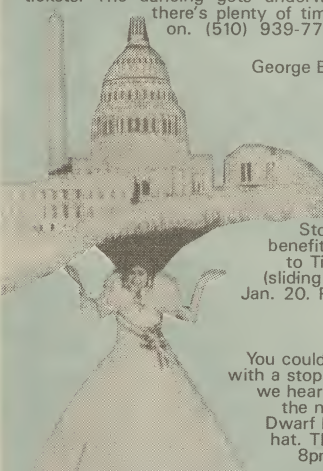


Want something hot, gay and kosher? Get a taste of Jew Meat this week at Josie's when Matthew David Silverstein, John Ellis and Doug Sadownick (above) extol the merits of being Yiddish and Queer. See three hunky Hebrews highlight the humor and harrows between rabbis and radical faeries. So, I'm getting too much with the alliteration? I'm sorry, I'm vekkempt! Talk amongst yourselves. \$10. Wed., Jan 20 thru 31. 8pm. Josie's, 16th & Market. 861-7933.

Deepak Chopra will lead a seminar on "Perfect Health & Unconditional Life" Jan. 23, 2-6pm at the San Mateo Performing Arts Center. Also speaking in a morning session (9am-1pm) will be John Douillard, fitness and health expert. Together these two should make for one informative and healthful pair of classes. \$39 in advance for each, \$50 at the door, and \$68 in advance for both seminars. Deadline for registration: 1/21. Mind/Body Connection: 853-8332.

For some wide-screen camp, hightail it to Oakland for *Gentlemen Prefer Blondes*, that classic diamond-studded Marilyn Monroe musical. Another full-figured gal, Jane Russell, also stars. Friday, January 15. 8pm. \$5. The Paramount Theatre, 21st & Broadway (one block from BART's 19th St. station). (510) 465-6400. Included in the show will be Wurlitzer pre-show music, a newsreel, cartoon, previews and a prize giveaway game. Sounds just like the old days.

For an early start on your weekend dancing, stop by Just Rewards (2520 Camino Diablo in Walnut Creek) for the Pacific Center for Human Growth Fundraiser Dance & Raffle. The Berkeley organization has been serving gay, lesbian and bisexual individuals for over 20 years. The benefit dance will include a variety of tunes, even country western (which we're learning to like, we swear it. If Garth Brooks can be PC, why not give it a try?). \$10 at the door, with \$1 raffle tickets. The dancing gets underway early, from 3pm-8:30pm, so there's plenty of time for other evening pursuits later on. (510) 939-7711.



George Bush is outta here! Get on down to Product and celebrate the Bubba Reign at The Clinton Inaugural Ballstitute, a faboo faux celebration, with local fabulists impersonating all the D.C. bigwigs: Hillary, Marilyn Quayle, Anita Hill, Miss Desert Storm, even Socks the cat! Proceeds benefit Shanti and Project Inform. Dance to Tipper Gore's top ten list! \$3-3,000 (sliding scale). 9:30pm-2am, Wednesday, Jan. 20. Product, 1015 Folsom. 864-3695. Blow, Bill, blow!

You could also celebrate the the presidency with a stop by *Beach Blanket Babylon*, where we hear Snow White has snagged a job in the new administration (Department of Dwarf Management, perhaps) and a new hat. The show reopens Jan 15. \$17-40. 8pm, with extra 10:30pm shows Fri. & Sat., Sun. at 3 & 7:30pm. Club Fugazi, 678 Green St. 421-4222.

Monumental case:
Beach Blanket Babylon goes to DC (above)
Mark Chester's Images (Thu.)



TUESDAY 19

Foggy City Dancers
Gay & lesbian square dancing classes. 7:30-9:30pm. Live Oak School, 117 Diamond St. 905-4546.

Cage/Cunningham
Elliot Caplan's eight-year project of filming the lives and collaborations of the great modern choreographer and composer team. \$3.50. 6, 8 & 10pm. Cole Hall, 513 Parnassus on the UCSF campus. 476-6761.

Lavender Lounge
Halloween in the Castro is the theme, and the footage may just be too outrageous for TV, with performers Enrique & Ruby Begonia Bidet. Plus footage of the Ball for Democracy. 10pm. Cable Channel 51.

Edward Munch and His Models
Expansive exhibit of the haunting Norwegian painter's work; the only US exhibit of this size, and the 2nd largest ever assembled in the country. Gala benefit, 6:30-9pm. Thru 3/21. University Art Museum, UC Berkeley, 2621 Durant Ave., Berkeley. (510) 642-1475.

WEDNESDAY 20

Volpone
Berkeley Rep's production of this lusty Jacobean satire features an all-star local cast, with John O'Keefe, Geoff Hoyle, Cintra Wilson and others. \$19-31. 8pm. Mats at 2pm. Thru 3/5. Berkeley Repertory Theatre, 2025 Addison St. at Shattuck, Berkeley. (510) 845-4700.

Berlin Songspiel 1993
Jennifer Durand's cabaret of song, dance & theatre with songs by Kurt Weill and Bertolt Brecht. \$6. 8:30pm. Also 1/27. The Marsh, 1062 Valencia near 22nd. 641-0235.

Love Explosion
Hoppy tunes at Faster Pussycat. \$5. 10pm. The Clubhouse, 3160 16th at Guerrero. 561-9771.



Surrender at Artaud (Fri.)

Open Lesbian & Gay Reading
Popular monthly series for queer poetry and prose. 7:30pm. Free. Modern Times Bookstore, 888 Valencia (19th/20th). 282-9246.

Nitrate Kisses
Filmmaker Barbara Hammer screens and discusses her latest film in Daniel Mangin's lesbian & gay film class. Also Thu. Part of an 18-week course. \$30. 6:30-9:30pm. Everett Middle School, Church & 17th. 239-3383.

The Professional Neo-Tokyo/Silent Mobius
Animated Japanese films about a hitman (lots of sex and violence) and, in *Neo-Tokyo*, three short sci-fi stories. Part of the Japanese Animation Festival. \$5.50. Call for times. Red Vic Movie House, 1727 Haight. 668-8999.

Invisible Lives: The City of Will Eisner
72 original drawings of graphic artist whose series *The Spirit* told the tale of a frail urban hero. \$2-3. Thru 4/93. The Cartoon Art Museum, 665 Third St., 5th floor. 546-3922.

The Fifth Element
Contemporary Chicano art; silkscreen prints, site-specific installations, works on

canvas, as well as historical pieces. \$2-3. Noon-8pm. Thru 2/7. The Mexican Museum, Fort Mason Center, Bldg. D, Laguna at Marina Blvd. 441-0445.

THURSDAY 21

Joe Souza
Country vocalist leads the hoedown in the Bay Area's biggest dance floor. Yee-haw! No cover! 9pm. Thunder Bay, 1 Bolivia Dr., Berkeley. (510) 843-0405.

The Brides
Harry Kondoleon's fractured fairy tale about sex, love and straight marriage. \$8-10. 8pm. Thru 2/27. Studio 2505, 2505 Mariposa at Hampshire. 905-4605.



Veils and viruses: The Inner Circle (Fri.), The Brides (Thu.)



Myself a Living Torch
Candy Planet and Ted & Eve Debut of a surreal new band that explores the meaning of sex in a failed culture. Ms. Planet's vocals soar like Kate Bush, but with a harder edge, and Ted & Eve eat fire before your eyes (so take it easy on the Hairnet before showing up). \$5. 9pm. DNA Lounge, 375 11th St. 558-8112.

Fellow Travelers' Performance Group
Three diverse interdisciplinary dance works: "Fractured Vision," "The Tourist," and "Bodie, The Golden Dream." \$10. 8:30pm. Thru 1/30. Dancers' Group, Footwork, 3221 22nd. at Mission. 824-5044.

Once in a Blue Moon
Musical revue of forgotten and peculiar Broadway songs by Rodgers & Hart, Cole Porter and the like. \$15. 8pm. Sat. at 6 & 9pm. Sun. at 3pm. Thru 1/30. Cable Car Theatre, 430 Mason near Union Square. 989-9132.

Coming Out in Russia
Sonja Franeta's slide show about the first gay & lesbian symposium and film festival in the Soviet Union. \$3-10. 8pm. Old Wives' Tales Bookstore, 1009 Valencia at 21st. 821-4676.

Life Is Hard: Machismo, Danger & Power in Nicaragua
Author Roger Lancaster discusses gay identity, male supremacy, female households and strained ethnic harmony in South America. 7:30pm. Free. Modern Times Bookstore, 888 Valencia (19th/20th). 282-9246.

Acetone
Pasolini's film, with author Barth David Schwartz discussing his biography *Pasolini Requiem*, and the gay filmmaker's life and work. 8pm. Italian Cultural Institute, 425 Bush. 788-7142.

Body Politic
Juried group exhibition of mixed media art by over two dozen artists in painting, video, sculpture, glass, posters, even Barbie dolls. Opening reception 5-7pm. Thru 3/12. San Francisco Commission Gallery, 155 Grove. 554-9682.

Trash, Headlands Seaheads & Arts Education in Action
Three exhibits about garbage, natural driftwood materials and youth workshops in arts education. Southern Exposure, 401 Alabama at 17th. 863-2141.

Twosomes and Then Some?
Black and white photographs by Mark Chester, not the gay erotica Chester, but an exhibit of amusing images from around the country. Thru 2/23. Pierotti Pavilion, Saint Francis Memorial Hospital, 900 Hyde St. 353-6652.

Treatment Outlook John S. James of *AIDS Treatment News* and Brenda Lien of Project Inform discuss antiretroviral treatments. Tues., Jan. 19. 6:30-8:30pm. Room 1200C, 12th fl., Hospital Tower, Kaiser Permanente Medical Center, 280 W. MacArthur Blvd., Oakland. (510) 596-6848.

GLAAD Lesbian Visibility Task Force Meeting on Sun., Jan. 17, 7pm. 514 Castro, Suite B. Lesbians & bi women welcome. 861-4588.

Personal Safety & Self-Defense Classes Learn basic skills, techniques for safety. \$35 per person. 4 week session. Adv. class to follow. Berkeley Budokan, 650 University at 3rd. St. (510) 845-6705.

Free Home Health Assistance PWAs or those with disabling symptomatic HIV can qualify for services. Westside Minority Attendant Care. 1153 Oak St. 431-9000.

Lesbian & Gay Parents Group Meets Jan. 15. Childcare provided for \$2. Call for info. 457-1115.

Anger and Conflict in Relationships Free 8-week course begins Jan 19. 6:30pm. Everett Middle School, 450 Church. 585-5150.

Tantra Sex Play for Men Scott Eaton & Daniel Raymond lead this erotic workshop. Wed. Jan 20. 7:30-10pm. \$10. Eros, 2051 Market at Church. 864-3767.

Are You a Top or a Bottom? Men's Discussion Group led by George Birimisa. Jan 20. Francis of Assisi, 145 Guerrero. G.L.O.E. 626-7000.

This Week's Dinner Specials

Chicken Cordon Bleu with smoked ham, spinach and feta cheese, served with creamy mashed potatoes and fresh vegetable... \$9.75

Gnocchi (potato pasta) with basil pesto and crispy pancetta... \$8.95

New York Pepper Steak with cracked black pepper & brandy sauce, served with roasted red pepper-watercress salad and potato-gratin... \$10.50

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Foreskin servicing reqd by attrac, 40yo, HIVneg WM w/ample skin, 5'11, 153lbs, br/br, smooth, 'stache, safe, healthy, vers btm, dildoe, no smk/drugs. You: GWM/GLM w/insatiable foreskin appetite, 18-45yo, attrac, wt/ht proptrnl, HIVneg, vers top, dildoe, safe, no smk/drugs. Plusses: uncut, well hung, but not nec, poss frndshp/rtnshp. EXT. 5551

Hot stud needed for deep-throat action. 6', blt guy gives great head and rim job to Castro men. Late nite action. EXT. 5552

Muscle man. You're musc, macho, masc, buffed but enjoy being btm to 6'2, 168lbs, smooth, soft, dark-skinned, androgynously beautiful guy. Call EXT. 5553

Hot Italn cumfreak and asseater sks heavy-loaded, horny men for reg sessions. Serious. Call for description. EXT. 5554

Yng Asian sought for uninhibited, safe, erotic date. WM, HIVneg, slim, 5'11, cln-shvn. Let's be creative. EXT. 5555

Hot WM, gym bod, has hungry tongue for well-blt, beefy WM w/ a tight, hungry bubble butt. EXT. 5556

Kid brother wntd by GWM, 37yo. Pref Wil Wheaton/Fred Savage types. EXT. 5557

Tall, lean, well-defined, hndsm, hung top, 32yo, wants yng, hndsm, tight, hung guy for hot, safe, prolonged workouts. Redheads and tattoos are a plus. EXT. 5558

Blk-beauty TV w/lrg cock (8-1/2") sks older men for safe sex, videos, viewed prvt apt. EXT. 5559

Oral expert sks dark-haired guy w/very hairy legs for reg ball and crotch servicing. EXT. 5560

Leatherman sks bondage teacher/master to learn from. Confinement, total movement control sought. EXT. 5561

Foot fetish. I'm a 30yo GWM, gdlng and well-blt. You're gdlng and under 35yo. EXT. 5562

Mardi Gras — let's meet/talk now and share time there. Can show around, been there before, share the fun. EXT. 5563

Electric play SM club wants new members — learn, share, teach electric torture. Beginner, new or intense. EXT. 5564

Hndsm, uncut GWM, 50yo, sks sensual, smooth, attrac guys, 18-25yo, for safe, kinky, creative sex and poss rtnshp. Students, newcomers, inexprd OK. EXT. 5568

Attrac, 69yo GWM sks 18-45yo mate, who believes age is only a number, for intimate rtnshp. Sincere only. EXT. 5565

Husky, musc WM w/ a "big, musc bubble butt," sks beefy, musc/masc guy to suck my nipples and tongue my hard bubble butt's hole. EXT. 5574

Let's get the New Year off to a good start. 27yo BM, 6', 170lbs, hairy, attrac, enjoys quiet nites at home, movies, dining out, more. Lkng for honest BM, 25-34yo, serious about meeting someone, maybe a rtnshp. Don't call if lkng only for sex. It's a new year; I'm not willing to play games. Serious BM only. EXT. 5576

Gdlng, 35yo WM, hung, big balls, tight musc body, sks hot guys w/big balls or big nipples for discreet fun. "Nipples" like Cliff Parker a plus. EXT. 5587

48yo GWM, 6', 150lbs, dark brn/brn, 9' cock, wants hot asses to fuck. Like wht guys under 35yo and musc. EXT. 5593

Hndsm, masc, 37yo GWM sks trim, bi/GWM, 25-40yo, Contra Costa area, days or wkends, for fun. EXT. 5608

Hndsm GWM, 41yo, 5'10, 175lbs, blk/hzl, lkng for that "special guy," 28-40yo, HIVneg, who enjoys movies, music, dancing. E Bay a plus. EXT. 5609

Lkng for beautiful drag queen to escort to Imperial Coronation in Feb by hot Italn stud. EXT. 5610

Smooth, masc Asian, yng, 45yo, 5'9, sks similar cln-shvn, lean, musc, in-shape WM into foreplay, massage and safe, hot sex. EXT. 5611

Punches. Forearm smashes. Bearhugs. Head scissors. JO. Ready for some hard rough-house fun, pal? EXT. 5607

GWM, 32yo, 5'11, 175lbs, bl/br, sks blk/Hisp, 18-35yo, into shooting hot loads on my cute face. Piss and cum on me. Love to get fucked. S.Bay. EXT. 5588

Btm sks lover who's 28-45yo, tall, masc, hung, stable, loving. I'm 6', 175lbs, 32yo, hndsm, sexy, musc. Play safe, love art, music, adventure, laughter, fun. I'm a great catch! EXT. 5590

Uncut Latino? Show me your foreskin. EXT. 5591

Attrac Asian sought by GWM skng romance, sensuality btwn two warm, sincere guys. Friendly, attrac, healthy 30s, 5'10, 160lbs, well toned. EXT. 5592

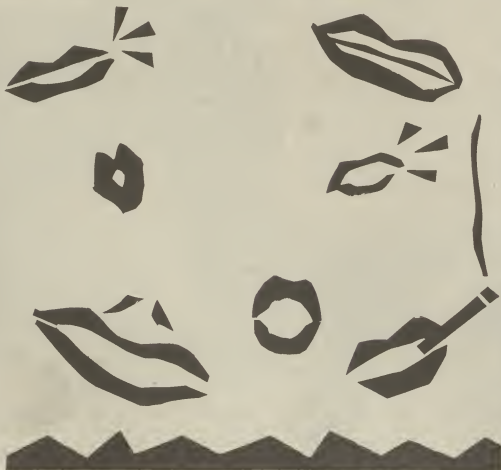
Opinionated GWM, 6'2-1/2, 190lbs, sks blond btm, 35-40yo, HIVpos, ready to argue. EXT. 5594

Hndsm GWM, primarily passv, 33yo, 160lbs, 5'10, blk/hzl, hairy chest, good shape, HIVneg, outgoing, skng hndsm, 6'-plus GWM/GHM, good shape, primarily domnt, stable, independent. Interests should include art, history, gym, quiet eves. Poss dating rtnshp. EXT. 5595

Rough trade, musc jock, 34yo WM, married, 5'11, 170lbs, athletic, hndsm, gym body, sks musc, masc bl-collar type, facial hair a plus, for safe, intense male give/take. No fats, fems, smkrs. Must be discreet. EXT. 5596

HIVpos top GWM, gdlng, 5'11, 150lbs, 42yo, lkng for poss rtnshp w/shorter, submsv btm. EXT. 5598

Gdlng, HIVpos, oral expert sks very well-hung, 8-1/2" plus top who loves deep throat and more. EXT. 5599



GAM, 30yo, likes to meet wht guys, 18-30yo, for fun, sex, frndshp, poss rtnshp. Be nice, down to earth, mature. EXT. 5566

Musc 35yo sks musc guys w/the biggest nipples on earth. No BS. I aim to pls you! EXT. 5578

Hot muscle-jock WM, 5'11, 170lbs, sks playroom/party atmosphere to join in. Filthy mind, flexible attitude. EXT. 5567

Free massage for masc, yng guys w/trim blds by strt-acting, trim guy. EXT. 5580

43yo, tall, nasty daddy sks perverted son who needs to be abused and owned. Slave mind. You: 20-35yo, smooth. EXT. 5569

Hot, horny GWM, 40yo, 6'2, 190lbs, HIVpos, will eat you or you him after verbal wrestling match. Only true debaters, pls. You: 35-45yo, articulate, vers, well read, HIVpos. EXT. 5581

Bad boy, 50yo, needs discipline from men over 60yo. I always do as I'm told. EXT. 5570

Lkng for a hot intruder to find me sleeping naked in bed. I'm a cute, 32yo GWM, 5'9, 140lbs, 8" dick, tight butt, HIVneg. You should be under 36yo, in good shape, well hung, non-smkr, into adventure. EXT. 5582

Hndsm, tall GLM, 40yo plus, 6'3, 185lbs, lkng for vers GWM, 35-45yo, HIVpos, for extended mutual exploration and experimentation. Lab coats a must. EXT. 5571

Sir, 33yo WM, submsv ckskr, sks master/daddy. I'm eager to be trained and used for your pleasure. Let me be your cockslover, sir. EXT. 5583

Sex orgy on Mon nites forming for 4-6 men over 250lbs. Big men w/o racial hang-ups only. Safe sex only. EXT. 5572

Skng gdlng guys, hung huge, for one-on-one or group action. I'm gdlng, 32yo, great body, hung huge. EXT. 5584

Rim expert skng extra-firm, trim men to spread cheeks in my face! Hairy or smooth. I'm a WM, 50yo plus, in shape, trim beard and 'stache. My place. Try me. EXT. 5573

Natural slave Arab, gdlng, sks demanding men to serve as a servant or as a cleaning man. EXT. 5585

Attrac, mid-40s, extra hairy, cut GWM sks hard, sexy, bi/strt men wanting discreet good head, ball/feet worship given to them. I'm conservative, HIVneg. EXT. 5575

Like fast boats? Skng 18-20yo who would enjoy driving easygoing older man's twin-engine cruiser around SF Bay. Hot/cold running water, stove, refig, 2 cabins, etc. Sex not reqrd, unless you pref. EXT. 5586

Hung guys wntd. I'm skng attrac guys who're hung 8-9" or lrger for fun, good times. If you're hung 9" or lrger it's a plus. EXT. 5577

Attrac, vers GWM cpl, 38 & 29yo, HIVpos, sks similar cpl or 3rd for 3-ways, for Fri or Sat nite partying of ckskng, fulfilling assplay, ball stretching, toys, pump, videos, climaxing in cum-splashing fun. EXT. 5589

Married w/children — at one time. Now just girlfriend. Lkng for male lover. I'm 42yo, 192lbs, 5'7, HIVneg. EXT. 5579

Irish rampussy aches for muscle-lord to push me around, earn the privilege to serve, the honor to service. Him: big, not nec in ht or genitals. Blt. Man. Real. Republicans extra plus. EXT. 5597

Sexy Asians wntd. Very gdlng GWM, 33yo, wants to give hrs of safe, sexual pleasure to gdlng, masc AMS, 18-40yo, and Asian friends on reg basis. Will do whatever you like. Be creative. Let me worship your well-defnd bodies, hard-throbbing cocks. Fuck my hungry ass, bury it deep, shoot your load. Keep me all day for service at your leisure. Kink/fantasies considered. Try me. HIVpos. Safe sex. EXT. 5600

HIVpos Virgo papacito w/'stache wntd by GWM, 6', 30ish, brn/bl, cuddle-monster, keys on rt. EXT. 5601

All-Am yng man: boyishly hndsm, 6'1, 170lbs, baseball-plyr's bld, designated httr, bl eyes, masc, resrvd but friendly, affec, warm, gentle, sincere, ltd free time, lkng for nice guy w/sim attrb, gdlng, cln-shvn, cln-cut, collegiate, w/ athl bod, masc, happy, healthy, HIVneg, quality time, poss rtnshp. Absolute honesty a must. EXT. 5602

Beefy, musc WM, sks BM, musc, masc, to suck on my hard nipples and play w/my hard "big bubble butt." EXT. 5603

Are you hung 8-11"? This WM, 50yo plus, would like to service you orally if you're trim to thin, Cau/Latin and enjoy a hot mouth. In only. EXT. 5604

GBM, 240lbs, big chest, well hung, sks men over 250lbs who enjoy dild play. EXT. 5605

Hungry, hndsm GLM btm, 40yo plus, 6'2, 185lbs, lkng for HIVpos blond top, 35-45yo, to venerate and service. EXT. 5606



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Intl. Ms. Leather Saved

Almost 100 people showed up last Monday, Jan. 11, to give their input, offer suggestions, volunteer for committees, and generally let the board of directors of International Ms. Leather Inc. know that the leather community will not let the title, contest, and show die. Fueled by the electricity of enthusiasm at the meeting, a hat suddenly appeared and was passed around. Over \$100 in cold, hard cash was collected.

The fears many had about the pain and embarrassment San Francisco's leather community would suffer if IMs.L was abandoned (not only here but across the nation) became a moot point when it was evident that everyone there was willing to make sacrifices, work hard on committees, and volunteer to make it happen. And so Mike Gelpi, a newcomer to the community and co-chair of the L/SM Round-Up with Ms. Headquarters Leather Queen Cougar, wrote a check for \$2500, half being his donation and half a loan to IMs.L Inc.

There was no finger-pointing, ego trips, power plays, bitchiness, blame, or grandstanding. It's a done deal. After the community input (and there was plenty), the board stands decidedly firm.

The IMs.L contest and show will take place on Saturday, March 27. Ticket prices will be scaled down. Applications must be received no later than March 10 and can be obtained by writing to IMs.L, 2215-R Market St. No. 450, San Francisco, CA 94114. Or call (415) 244-9423 if you have any questions. A mailer will go out to everyone on IMs.L's mailing list at the end of January. Watch for fundraisers in the coming weeks; attend them and support the women. The original co-founders of IMs.L — Sky Renfro, Patrick Toner, Jim Ed Thompson, Audrey Joseph, Helen Ruvelas, Kathy Gage and countless others who believed in IMs.L — knew it would endure. And so it has.

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The other good news is that Charline McCain, the for-



Ed Morgan won the Mr. Leather San Diego title over 8 other contestants at Wolf's bar last Saturday, Jan. 9 and will represent that city at IML in Chicago next May. (Photo: Mr. Marcus)

mer SMMILE honcho and AIDS Emergency Fund Penies Project chair who disappeared with thousands two years ago, has been captured and is alive and breathing at Le Hall du Justice, 850 Bryant!

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I traveled to Los Angeles and San Diego last weekend for the fourth anniversary of Wayne's Leather Rack at Griff's in Los Angeles on Friday, Jan. 8, and the Mr. San Diego Leather contest at Wolf's on Saturday, Jan. 9. The weather was lousy all weekend.

Wayne's Leather Rack at Griff's has been moved from the rear of the patio to the space formerly occupied by the kitchen, and it's spiffy, sparkling and uniquely compact. I also made my first visit to the Pleasure Chest store while I was there, and I can attest that the help is no different than Macy's ribbon clerks. Talk about attitude! I guess if you don't buy a shitload of gear, you're considered unimportant. At the

prices they charge (and they were having a 20 percent off sale!), I'll remain unimportant! And to think they were always so nice at their booth at leather functions!

There were nine contestants for the Mr. San Diego Leather title, a half-dozen more than there were last year. Nice.

In spite of the weather, there was a big crowd for the show which opened (only two minutes late) with that now infamous S&M Airlines skit/fantasy dreamed up by Brian Dawson and first performed at LIL in Chicago this past October. You'll get a chance to see it at the Mr. San Francisco Leather Contest here in April if Lenny Broberg has his way.

After the customary reading of the rules, list of prizes and other announcements, the judges and then the nine contestants (Cliff Sexton, Monte Yorba, Bob Kelly, Jerry Scott, Ed Morgan, Mike Boyle, Tony Gillson, Bruce Buchichio and John Guidarelli) were introduced. The five semifinalists were named and participated in a fantasy, then appeared in briefs, full leather and answered questions. As the emcees, Lenny and John were flawless and even got a few barbs into each other throughout. John Hare is the surprise sash man of the year! He quipped and clipped throughout.

The judges, Brian Dawson, Intl. Mr. Deaf Leather Bob Donaldson, John Keesler, Bill Amour and Dennis Mezzatesta, had their work cut out for them. To much applause, the second runner-up was John Guidarelli; the first runner-up was Mike Boyle; and Mr. Leather San Diego 1993 is ... Ed Morgan, a youngish, bearded man who was the crowd favorite from the beginning. Congratulations to the winners, the NLA San Diego, Wolf's Bar and every-



Mr. San Diego Leather finalists (l to r): 2nd runner-up John Guidarelli; Ed Morgan the winner and Mike Boyle, 1st runner-up. (Photo: Mr. Marcus)

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one involved. Good luck to Ed at IML in Chicago next May.

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Here at home, history of sorts was made last Thursday night, Jan. 7, at the Mr. January '94 bare chest contest at the Eagle. Lenny Broberg confessed that it wasn't a breeze when at least two of the seven contestants were, uh, recalcitrant (to put it mildly) throughout the process. Lenny, there's always at least one who doesn't want to cooperate, but at least the Bare Chest Chorus was in key!

Judges — Jerry Roberts, Dyke Daddy Skeeter and Mr. Drummer Emerson — nevertheless managed to narrow it down to a winner and, of course, a runner-up. Kevin Sims is Mr. July on the current '93 calendar and was Mr. October on the '92 edition. He'll be Mr. January on the '94 calendar! The runner-up was a fuzzy one, James Wade. They'll be looking for Mr. February 1994 next Thursday, Jan. 21, at 2130. Be there. Win \$100.

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I'm running out of space, so here's what's shaking in the coming days. The Pegasus MOC is heading to the

RushRiv for its Iceman Run Sat. and Sun., Jan. 16-17. Call 389-0905 for info.

Ms. Russian River Leather Terri Foster is having a "Shirt Off Your Back" auction at the Santa Rosa Inn on Saturday, Jan. 16, at 1400. Benefiting IML and Food for Thought, so bring a can of food or non-perishable items for a free raffle ticket. Call (707) 869-1014 for more info.

Lotta guys heading for the Centaur MC's Mr. Mid-Atlantic Leather contest in Washington this coming weekend, including IML Lenny Broberg. The contest is Sunday night, Jan. 17, at Trax.

Head judge Lenny will be glad to know that Peter Wales, the horse tycoon of Syracuse, will be there, and dear Peter, you'll be disappointed to know that IML '88 Mike Pereyra will not be there! The judges are Lenny, Vern Stewart, IML Blair, Bill Miranda-Salzman, Haven Sanborn, Peter Zarcone and the outgoing Mr. Mid-Atlantic Leather, Damien Sanzone. Mr. Rochester (NY) Leather Al Agricoltoso flashes that he will not be there, but then neither will Mitch Johnson.

Golden State Gay Rodeo guys will host the beer/soda bust at the Eagle on Sunday, Jan. 17. Tuesday, Jan. 19, at the



Rena Davis (l) formerly of Our Town lives in San Diego now and so does her girlfriend, Susie. (Photo: Mr. Marcus)

HQ. bar, Art Tomaszewski hosts the first "public" spanking party/beer bust beginning at 2000 to benefit the AIDS Emergency Fund. Come spank the emperor and empress and lesser mortals as well. The Jackhammer, formerly Dick's at 17th and Sanchez, is having its grand opening on Wednesday, Jan. 20, all day long. See you there? Don't forget the Ms. SF Leather contest at 178 King St. on Sat., Jan. 23! Stay dry, keep on truckin' and see you next week! ▼

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Royal Debuts

The official candidates for Emperor and Empress will be presented at the Imperial Gala of 1993 on Saturday, January 16, at the California Club at 1750 Clay Street at 7 p.m. Tickets are available at Lily's, the Kokpit, Marlena's, and the Watering Hole.

It seems there are a lot of candidates for Empress this year. And yes, Jackie Reynolds has taken out an application. Think twice and look forward to festive parties as only she can throw them.

ETVC presents their Ninth Annual Cotillion on Saturday, January 23, at 7 p.m. at the California Club. Tickets are available at Chez Mollet, the Cinch, Lily's, and of course, Marlena's.

Susie Wong is the party hostess at Lily's for Tuesday night's 5,000 party, with signing at 7 p.m. Sounds like fun if you like 5,000.

For a great Sunday brunch try The Gate at Pine and Jones. They make wonderful omelets and other delicacies, and it is all served up in a very congenial, pleasant atmosphere.

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Come and drink at The Sanctuary (an alternative bar) at 1548 California Street, with the very popular and good-looking Dan Sweeney on the plank days. Incidentally, they have cleaned up the room nicely.

About 20 people from the Polk Street bars are in Hawaii for a week, including John Hyer of the QT 2, Danny Dibble of the Polk Rendezvous, and Jerry Davis of Reflections. I hope they can find different bars to drink in so as not to be together all the time, and don't forget Danny, I get to see the tan line!

Thank you for the nice card, Craig Roady, but why don't you drop in and say hi when you get your hair done at Ilya's on California St? I would love to give you a little hug.

Yes, The Swallow is still having superb piano entertainment nightly, and Mike, have you seen Cindy? We had his hair cut off as he didn't return a black sequined dress to

me.

You should stop in at Company on California Street some day and have a drink with Little Joe or Greta Grass. One weighs in at 100 and the other at 300 — I'll let you guess who is who.

Don't forget that the Coronation is coming up on February 20. It's Empress Maxine's 20th, so it should be a blast. And yes, yours truly will be dressing and shall have escorts from Portland. Watch for more information later in this column. And yes, Maxine is on the plank at Alvin's on Geary Street.

Well, Gilmore's had a supersurprise birthday party on January 5 for Bob Golovich (who was 61). Many of his friends attended, and it was a blast. Right, Russ of the Giraffe?

Lots of bars will be having big Super Bowl parties, including the Polk Rendezvous, The Sanctuary, Company, and of course, Gilmore's, with yours truly on the plank. So plan on joining us, why don't you? ▼

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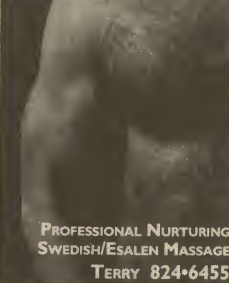


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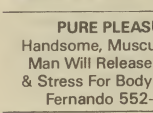
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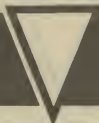
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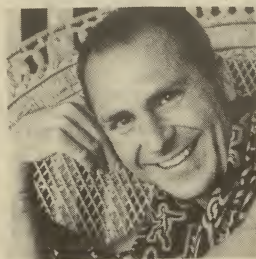
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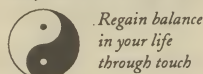
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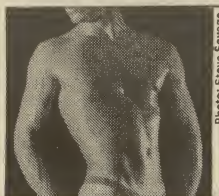
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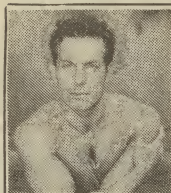


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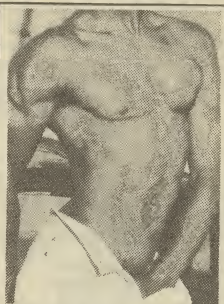


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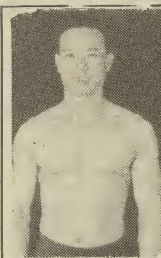
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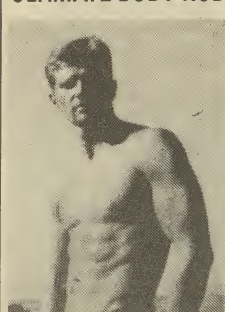
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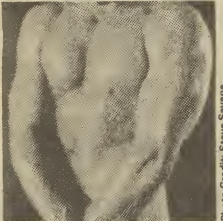


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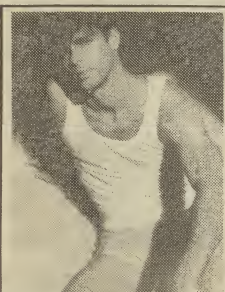
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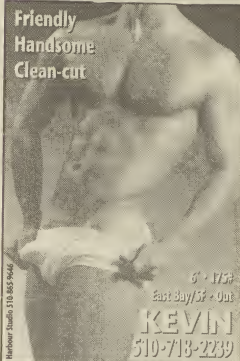
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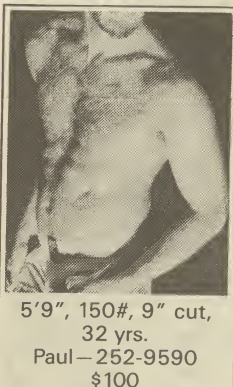
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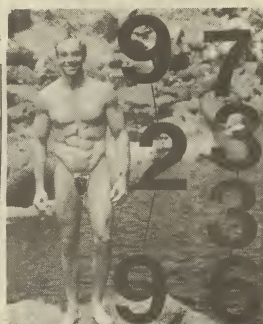
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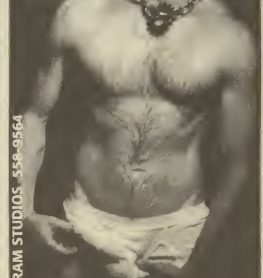


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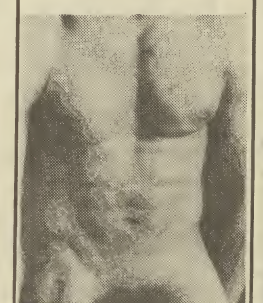
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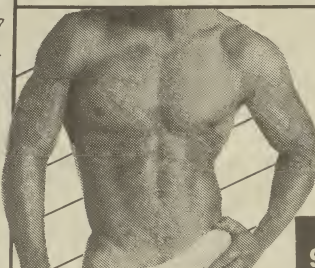
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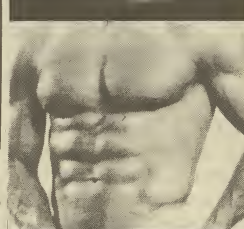
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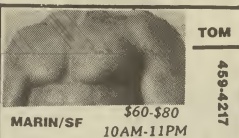
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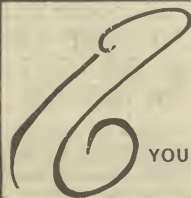
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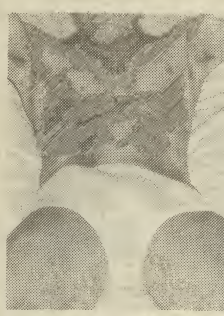
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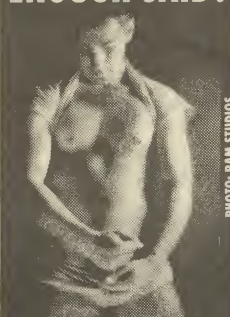


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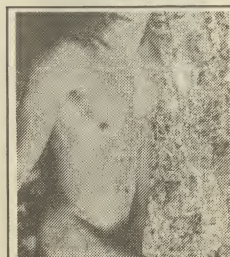
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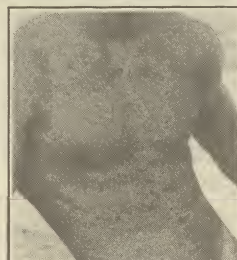


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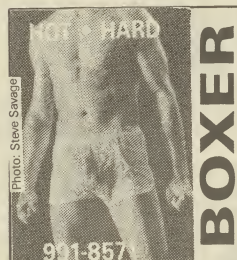
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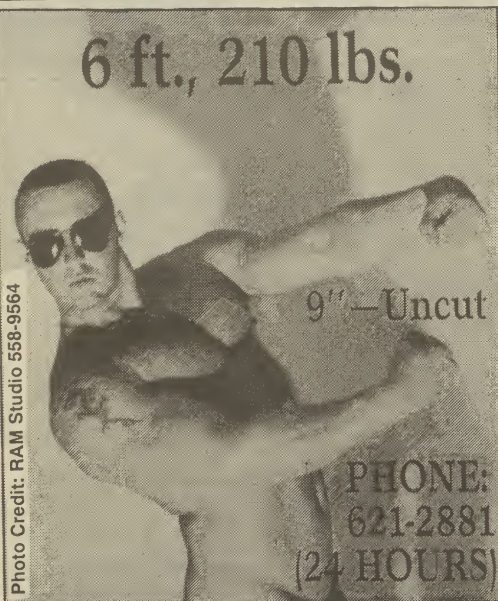
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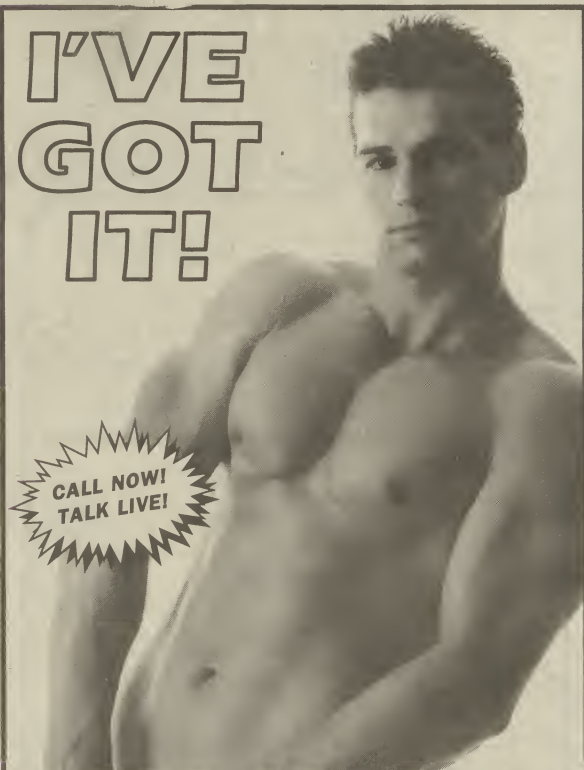
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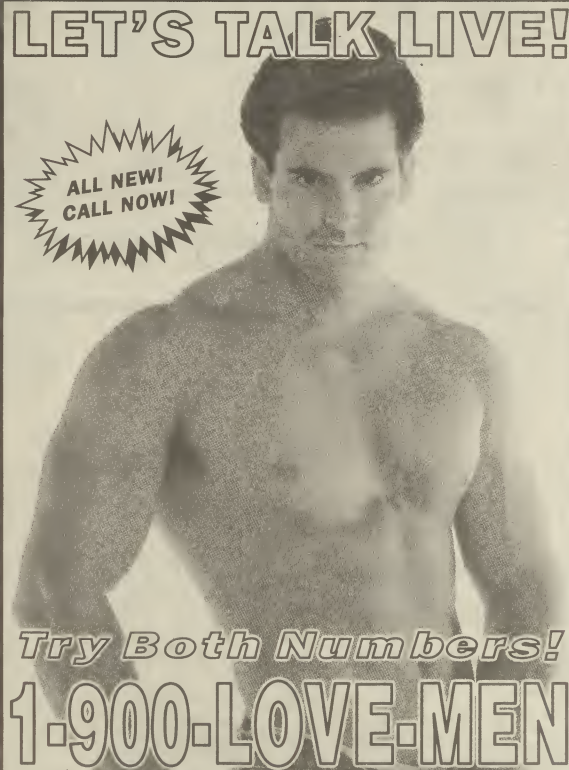


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